

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** December 16, 1944, marked the beginning of Germany's full-scale offensive through the Ardennes Forest to split the Allied forces and recapture Antwerp in what would become known as the Battle of the Bulge, widely regarded as the greatest battle in American military history; and

**WHEREAS,** targeting four inexperienced and battle-weary American divisions stationed in the dense woods for training and rest, German troops were able to briefly penetrate the American front and establish the projection that earned the battle its name; and

**WHEREAS,** in the ensuing days and weeks, those American troops and reinforcements led by General George S. Patton showed uncommon skill, courage, and valor in restoring the front and effectively thwarting the Germans in the largest and bloodiest action of the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS,** this year marks the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge and provides a wonderful opportunity to honor the members of our greatest generation for their courage, sacrifice, and selfless service during the Battle of the Bulge and World War II.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 16, 2014, as**

### BATTLE OF THE BULGE REMEMBRANCE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the valor and commitment of those who served in the Battle of the Bulge and World War II, defeating tyranny, liberating Europe, and defending freedom at home and abroad.



A cursive handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley.

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**