

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1941, construction began on a newly-approved flight training installation in Sumter that was given the name Shaw Field in honor of Sumter native First Lieutenant Ervin "Molly" David Shaw, a World War I pilot who lost his life in a dogfight with 3 German aircraft over France; and

WHEREAS, throughout its early years, Shaw Field was home to the Army's Aviation Cadet Program, providing flight training for new pilots; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, following the establishment of the Air Force as a separate branch of the United States Armed Forces, Shaw Field officially became Shaw Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, from basic flight training and learning aerial combat maneuvers to the reconnaissance-bomber and tactical fighter missions and the present-day deployment of F-16s, the Shaw team stands ready to face *Any Challenge Any Time Anywhere*; and

WHEREAS, with a Fiscal Year 2015 economic impact of almost \$910 million and the strong commitment of the nearly 12,000 active-duty military members, civilian employees, and family members, the Palmetto State is proud to be home to Shaw Air Force Base.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2016, as

### SHAW AIR FORCE BASE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the many contributions of the military members, civilians, and families whose work and sacrifice help keep our country strong.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA