

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the first Optimist Club in the Palmetto State was chartered in 1940, and the South Carolina District Optimist International was established in 1954; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the South Carolina District Optimist International has earned numerous national and international recognitions, including Honor District, Outstanding District in a Vice Presidential Region, and the Optimist International President's Trophy; and

WHEREAS, with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, Optimists strengthen communities by promoting civic responsibility and patriotism while helping develop a sense of community service in our youth; and

WHEREAS, Optimists across South Carolina continue the mission of Optimist International, *Bringing Out the Best in Children, in Their Communities, and in Themselves*, through their volunteer efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2016, as

SOUTH CAROLINA OPTIMIST DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the members of this organization for their upbeat attitude and positive contributions that significantly impact young people and communities across the Palmetto State.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA