

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1992, faced with a surplus of wreaths near the end of the holiday season, Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company in Maine, made arrangements to have the wreaths placed in an older, less visited area of Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, with the generous donations of time and resources to help with transporting, decorating, and laying the wreaths, the project grew each year to include ceremonies in every state and numerous countries overseas; and

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America was established in 2007 to support and expand the wreath-laying project and other programs to serve and recognize our veterans; and

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America calls attention to the debt of gratitude we owe the brave men and women who sacrificed so much to defend our country and help secure liberty for people around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 7 - 13, 2015, as

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to remember our fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of America, honor those who have chosen a life of service to our state and nation, and teach our children that the cost of freedom is dear.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA