

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, an estimated 40 million Americans have some type of communication disorder with an annual cost of approximately \$154 to \$186 billion due to lost work productivity, special education, and medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, audiologists and speech-language pathologists are professionals who specialize in helping individuals with communication disorders lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, dedicated audiologists and speech-language pathologists across the Palmetto State offer quality education and healthcare services to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Better Hearing and Speech Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness of communication disorders and services available to help overcome them.

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

BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the achievements of audiologists and speech-language pathologists in improving the quality of life for people with communication disorders and celebrate those individuals who have overcome their communication disabilities.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA