

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** according to estimates, up to 40 percent of the food grown and processed is never eaten, with food waste being the top item discarded by Americans and accounting for 21 percent, or over 35 million tons, of the nation's waste in 2013; and

**WHEREAS,** growing, processing, packaging, and transporting food requires significant resources, including water, energy, labor, materials, and money, that are wasted if the food is not consumed; and

**WHEREAS,** the reduction or prevention of food waste has a widespread positive impact, providing economic, social, and environmental benefits to communities across the Palmetto State; and

**WHEREAS,** the donation of unwanted or surplus edible food can provide nutrition for individuals faced with hunger or living in food insecure households; and

**WHEREAS,** when efforts to prevent, reduce, or donate surplus food are not successful, composting presents an alternative means of disposal that contributes to improved soil for households and job creation through the potential growth of food waste recycling businesses in the state.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 13, 2016, as

### DON'T WASTE FOOD SC DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to reduce and prevent food waste, learn more about donating surplus foods, and raise awareness of the benefits of properly composting food waste.



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