

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, for the first time since 1981, the Clemson Tigers football team has won the College Football Playoff National Championship, bringing the title to the Palmetto State for only the second time in history and making all of South Carolina proud; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Dabo Swinney, the Clemson Tigers have won 3 Atlantic Coast Conference championships, competed in 9 post-season bowl games, including 3 appearances in the Orange Bowl and 2 appearances in the College Football Playoff since its inception in 2014; and

WHEREAS, by defeating the No. 1 team in the country for the first time in the program's history behind the outstanding play of MVPs Quarterback Deshaun Watson and Linebacker Ben Boulware, the Clemson Tigers finished with a 14-1 record, marking a tie for the most wins in a single season in history; and

WHEREAS, the Clemson Tigers were led by a senior class that, with an overall record of 49-7, goes down as the program's winningest class; and

WHEREAS, Coach Swinney, his coaching staff, and the entire team have embodied the spirit of South Carolina by persevering through challenges while representing the state with humility, dignity, and good sportsmanship.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 14, 2017, as

CLEMSON TIGERS NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in congratulating the Clemson Tigers football team and coaches for their awesome performance during the 2016 season and the 2017 College Football Playoff National Championship.



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

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