

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** small businesses are the heartbeat of our economy, contributing to the vitality of communities across our state and nation with innovation, commitment, hard work, and a sense of responsibility; and
- WHEREAS,** nation-wide, small businesses represent 99 percent of employers, create approximately two-thirds of net new jobs, and employ over half of American workers; and
- WHEREAS,** in the Palmetto State, small businesses comprise 97 percent of private employers and account for more than 727,000 workers; and
- WHEREAS,** with the theme, "Dream Big, Start Small," the 2015 observance of Small Business Week serves as a reminder that our small businesses represent large investments in our communities and our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 4 - 8, 2015, as

SOUTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to support our small businesses and celebrate their contributions that help create jobs, boost local economies, and preserve neighborhoods.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA