

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the combined loss of vision and hearing is one of the most severe of all disabilities, affecting mobility, communication, and access to information for more than one million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Helen Keller was one of the most accomplished, respected, and renowned Americans who was deaf-blind; and

WHEREAS, people who are deaf-blind live, work, learn, play, and worship in our communities and are productive citizens, neighbors, and family members deserving of respect and opportunities for personal growth; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, *#TGIM (Thank goodness it's Monday)*, the 2015 observance of Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week calls attention to the positive impact of our residents with dual-sensory loss in the business world while recognizing Helen Keller as a guiding example of courage, hope, determination, and achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 21 - 27, 2015, as

HELEN KELLER DEAF-BLIND AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions made by people who are deaf-blind in communities across the Palmetto State.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA