

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina traces its automotive roots back nearly 100 years when Milliken & Company made fabric seats and roofs for Henry Ford's gasoline-powered cars; and

WHEREAS, today, South Carolina is home to more than 250 automotive-related companies and suppliers, and the automotive industry has quadrupled in two decades; and

WHEREAS, the automotive sector represents over 5 percent of the state's employment base, playing a fundamental role in South Carolina's economy with a total impact of over \$27 billion; and

WHEREAS, the Palmetto State ranks first in the nation for exports of finished automobiles and number one in exports of tires with 30 percent of the U.S. market share; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is home to the only graduate degree program for automotive engineering in the United States at Clemson University's International Center for Automotive Research.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 22 - 28, 2015, as

SOUTH CAROLINA AUTO WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the economic impact, jobs supported, and landscape of opportunity and innovation the automotive industry fosters within the state.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA