

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** South Carolina is home to over 900,000 citizens aged 60 and older; and
- WHEREAS,** helping all individuals maintain their health and independence in later life is a priority in the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS,** older South Carolinians play a vital role in transferring knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of the history of our communities through interactions with children, youth, and adults; and
- WHEREAS,** meaningful social interactions with family, friends, and neighbors across generations offer an opportunity for elders to share the fruits of their knowledge and experience, enriching the lives of everyone involved; and
- WHEREAS,** with the theme *Blaze A Trail*, the 2016 observance of Older Americans Month helps raise awareness of the issues facing older adults and highlights the way older Americans advocate for themselves, their peers, and their communities.

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

### OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor our seniors by recognizing the significant value that elders add to communities in the Palmetto State.



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

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