

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