

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, serving more than 33 thousand students across our state, independent, non-profit colleges and universities are dedicated to providing high-quality postsecondary educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, these institutions have established an unparalleled record of excellence in teaching and nurturing students, adapting to ever-evolving student needs, technological advances, and social trends while providing a full range of educational experiences; and

WHEREAS, independent colleges and universities in the Palmetto State share a common commitment to promoting critical thinking and creativity by preparing students for full lives, productive careers, and active citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the organization that represents 20 of these institutions of higher learning, South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, has for over 60 years provided *A Voice for Independent Higher Education in South Carolina*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 13 - 17, 2015, as

INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WEEK

and April 15, 2015, as

INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our independent, non-profit colleges and universities for their positive contributions to ensuring our continued status as leaders in higher education.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA