

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** one of the most important religious festivals among Indians, Diwali is a celebration of light and the victory of good over evil; and
- WHEREAS,** Diwali is a time for families and friends to come together in thanksgiving and personal reflection; and
- WHEREAS,** Indian-Americans in South Carolina will join with millions of people across the globe in observing this festive occasion by illuminating lamps to symbolize the defeat of darkness through light and enlightenment; and
- WHEREAS,** South Carolina benefits from the diverse population that brings an increased understanding and heightened awareness of the traditions and beliefs that form the fabric of our state.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 3, 2013, as

DIWALI - FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the historical and cultural significance of Diwali.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA