

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** South Carolina's harbor and navigable waterways in Charleston, Georgetown, and Jasper make our state perfectly situated to benefit from waterborne commerce that is evident in our state's rich maritime history; and
- WHEREAS,** the maritime community is made up of many different occupations that come together to advance the economy of the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS,** international trade through South Carolina ports facilitates 187,206 jobs across the state in the maritime, transportation, distribution, and manufacturing industries while providing an overall economic impact of \$53 billion each year and accounting for 1 in 11 jobs statewide; and
- WHEREAS,** moving containerized cargo, roll-on/roll-off cargo, specialty cargo, and bulk commodities by water is efficient and environmentally friendly, and South Carolina's modern port facilities serve as the link between cargo-carrying vessels and our state's transportation network of highways, railroads, and airports; and
- WHEREAS,** the South Carolina Ports Authority is undertaking major strategic projects, including harbor deepening, constructing a new container terminal, and planning for the Jasper Ocean Terminal, in preparation for future growth and success; and
- WHEREAS,** this week, the South Carolina Lowcountry is hosting 2 significant port-related events, the annual State of the Port Address by the Propeller Club and the annual South Carolina International Trade Conference.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 12 - 16, 2016, as**

### SOUTH CAROLINA PORTS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our maritime community for its successful endeavors in international maritime trade.



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

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