

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** throughout the history of our state and nation, we have welcomed people with diverse backgrounds and beliefs, many of whom were seeking relief from religious persecution, giving them the freedom to practice their faith without fear; and
- WHEREAS,** advances in technology have transcended the barriers of time and distance, leading to the growth of our social, economic, and cultural ties to the global community as well as challenges in understanding and communicating with our international neighbors; and
- WHEREAS,** open communication, mutual respect, sincere understanding, and unilateral cooperation play a vital role in the promotion of peace and goodwill among all people and between all nations; and
- WHEREAS,** affirming our commitment to interfaith harmony, religious liberty, and tolerance for diverse traditions and beliefs contributes to our continued strength and prosperity; and
- WHEREAS,** as a statewide partnership of ten different religious groups that first met on February 10, 2011, the Interfaith Partners of South Carolina has partnered with the Charter for Compassion to build a statewide network of Compassionate Communities within the Palmetto State's Interfaith community which transcends religious, ideological, and national differences.

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

SOUTH CAROLINA INTERFAITH HARMONY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to foster compassion and appreciation for the different faiths, beliefs, and cultures found in the Palmetto State.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA