

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, after careful consideration and exploration by a legislative committee, and approximately two years after the South Carolina Aurora Club of the Blind, now known as the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina, passed a resolution calling for its creation, the South Carolina Commission for the Blind (SCCB) was established by legislation signed into law on May 6, 1966; and

WHEREAS, with the state ranked, at the time, among the top ten states in the number of new cases of blindness reported, it was believed the new Commission, as a separate agency, could better serve the blind and visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, over the past five decades, thousands of South Carolinians have benefited from SCCB services ranging from training, education, and employment assistance to programs geared toward children, seniors, and the prevention of blindness; and

WHEREAS, this year, the South Carolina Commission for the Blind is celebrating a half century of achievements while looking ahead to new programs to help their clients realize and maintain economic and social independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2016, as

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND 50TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the SCCB team for fifty years of dedicated service to blind and visually impaired people across the Palmetto State.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA