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The Honorable Nikki Haley  
Governor, State of South Carolina  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton St.  
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### **RE: Invitation to Speak, Oct 6, Isle of Palms**

Dear Governor Haley:

On behalf of the SC Beach Advocates, our state's 501c3 organization advocating for beach preservation, I am honored to invite you to give the **keynote address at our 2016 Annual Meeting in Isle of Palms, SC at 1:00 p.m. on October 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Following the passage of Hurricane Joaquin, your swift action and the pending adoption of \$30 million for beaches in the state budget affirmed the **State of South Carolina's Commitment to its Beaches**, which we suggest as the title of your presentation. South Carolina beaches are one of the largest economic engines in the state, they protect our beachfront communities from severe storm damage, and they provide critical habitat to threatened and endangered coastal species. We very much welcome your thoughts on the importance of investing in South Carolina's beaches.

The conference website is: <http://www.scbeaches.org/2016-annual-meeting.html> and if you need additional information, please follow up with me or our Executive Director, Dr. Nicole Elko, at the number or email address below.

Sincerely,

Tim Goodwin, Chair