

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Military Department of the State of South Carolina is composed of four separate elements including the South Carolina Army National Guard, the South Carolina Air National Guard, the South Carolina State Guard, and the South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division; and

WHEREAS, the origins of the South Carolina State Guard can be traced to the South Carolina Colonial Militia of Charles Towne Landing, organized in 1670 to defend the colonists; and

WHEREAS, the current mission of the State Guard is to "organize, develop, train, and maintain a volunteer force within the military department to provide administrative, logistic, and environmental force multipliers for the military department"; and

WHEREAS, should the National Guard be called to service outside of the State during a time of national emergency, it is the responsibility of the State Guard to assume the in-state duties and roles of the National Guard, which include assisting law enforcement in the preservation of law and order and providing security at vital installations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing emergency services, the State Guard supports communities through the provision of color guards, military funerals, and assistance to law enforcement with traffic control at parades, festivals, and races; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the State Guard volunteer their time to serve our state in many different capacities at a significant cost saving to taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 1-7, 2014, as

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the vital role the South Carolina State Guard has played and continues to play in meeting the security needs of the people of the Palmetto State and to honor the men and women who serve within its ranks.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA