

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** throughout our nation's history, millions of Irish immigrants have traveled to America in search of freedom, justice, and opportunity; and

**WHEREAS,** leaving the familiarity of their homeland to escape religious, social, and political discrimination, as well as starvation and disease, these immigrants relied on the strong spirit and character of their Irish heritage to succeed in a new country; and

**WHEREAS,** Americans of Irish descent have made countless contributions to our state and nation, helping fortify our democracy through their military and public service, ingenuity, and creativity; and

**WHEREAS,** Irish American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to recognize these talented and industrious people for their rich legacy of achievement.

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

### IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the accomplishments of Irish Americans in the Palmetto State.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

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