

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** an educated, informed, and participatory electorate forms the cornerstone of our representative democracy and serves as a vital source of governmental accountability; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 3 million South Carolinians are currently registered to vote while approximately 700,000 residents are eligible but have not registered; and
- WHEREAS,** because voting is an exercise of citizens' rights and responsibilities that makes our country work, all eligible citizens of the Palmetto State should be encouraged to register to vote and to exercise that right on Election Day; and
- WHEREAS,** election officials are using technology to make voter registration and participation easier through [scVOTES.org](http://scVOTES.org) and the My scVotes mobile application; and
- WHEREAS,** October 8, 2016, is the last day to register and be eligible to vote in the 2016 General Election; and
- WHEREAS,** November 8, 2016, is Election Day across South Carolina, with citizens casting their votes in the General Election for President, United States Senator, members of the United States Congress, members of the South Carolina General Assembly, and numerous other state and local officials; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 20,000 poll workers and other election officials throughout the State are making preparations to ensure every voter has the opportunity to vote and the assurance that their vote will be counted.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2016 as

### VOTER EDUCATION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all eligible South Carolinians to register to vote, to educate themselves regarding the candidates and questions, and to exercise their most basic democratic right by participating in all elections.



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