



## State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the people of the Palmetto State, I am pleased to welcome you to the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Legion Department of South Carolina.

We are grateful for and humbled by your choice of service before self. Many would say that through your willingness to leave your homes and take up arms in defense of freedom, you have done more than enough for your country. Yet, as Legionnaires, you continue to serve your communities, advocating for veterans' benefits and sponsoring programs for our youth. You set an awesome example for all of us on the importance of living a life of honor and duty. It's always a great day in South Carolina when we have the opportunity to recognize our active military and veterans. Thank you for all you have done – and continue to do – to make our state a better place to live, work, and learn.

Michael and I wish you all the best for a wonderful convention. God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nikki", is written over the typed name "Nikki R. Haley".

Nikki R. Haley

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