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Office of the Governor
Governor Nikki R. Haley
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October 6, 2014

Re: Scheduling Governor Nikki Haley for January 2016

Dear Governor Haley & Nicole Priester:

I am requesting; on behalf of the **Interfaith Partners of South Carolina**, which I serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and as a *Faith Community Representative*, for your/her participation in a **Press Conference** planned for raising the profile of “**South Carolina Interfaith Harmony Month**” **January 2016**. **Interfaith Partners of South Carolina (IPSC)** is a statewide organization. **Dr Ajit Singh Randhawa**, South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley’s father (your father), also serves with me on the Executive Board of the **Interfaith Partners of South Carolina (IPSC)**, representing the Sikh faith community.

The Press Conference is tentatively scheduled for the week of **January 4-8, 2016** or it could be sometime between **December 28 thru January 1st**. We would like the Governor to be present /read the 2016 proclamation and this should not take more than 10 minutes out of her schedule. We want/need a specific confirmation and commitment before processing the appropriate paperwork for reserving the Lobby/rotunda/first floor interior of the State House. **Could you please check Governor Haley’s schedule and let me know of her preferred time to participate in this Press Conference and her availability**. In years past we have had a private audience with Governor Haley in her Chambers with the attending IPSC Executive Committee. **This year we wanted to try something a little different.**

I have attached the Proclamation from 2015, as an example of what will be presented by Governor Haley at the Press Conference, acknowledging “**South Carolina Interfaith Harmony Month**” **January 2016** in conjunction with the international and national observance.

In the aftermath of this summer’s Charleston church massacre, the 1000 year flood, there remains a faithful and bright future of a “New South” dedicated to tackling historical problems of racial and economic inequality and intolerances. IPSC would like to contribute to the vision for South Carolina’s position in the “New South” in a positive way and with impact on all South Carolinians statewide, regarding compassion, faith based resilience, harmony, tolerance, and acceptance of the human family.

The mission of Interfaith Partners of South Carolina is to foster understanding and cooperation

among the religious groups of our community, our state, and our world. The state of South Carolina has a centuries-old history of vibrant religious pluralism. The descendants of our indigenous tribes still maintain their unique spirituality. From the earliest days of European colonization and ancient Native American spiritual traditions that were existent for thousands of years prior, dozens of faiths entered the port of Charleston or traveled south by land, from Muslims to Anabaptists, Jews to Huguenots. And today we are home to hundreds of religious traditions, large and small. Our economic and social fabric are comprised of business executives, students and faculty at our universities, medical professionals and others who are often new South Carolinians bringing with them the faith traditions of countries around the world. South Carolina interfaith leaders have long realized the importance of bringing together people of divergent religious cultures. Interfaith Partners of South Carolina is a statewide organization.

I serve on the Executive Board of the Interfaith Partners of South Carolina (IPSC). I have been asked to request the Governor's participation in this Press Conference.

We appreciate your expedience with responding to this request. If I can be of any assistance to you, or if you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to call me (803) 397-3938.

Thanks Again, as we say in Cherokee Language 'Wado!'

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