

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the first Optimist Club in the Palmetto State was chartered in 1940, and the South Carolina District Optimist International was established on October 1, 1954; and

**WHEREAS,** over the past sixty years, the South Carolina District Optimist International has earned numerous national and international recognitions, including Honor District, Outstanding District in a Vice Presidential Region, and the Optimist International President's Trophy; and

**WHEREAS,** with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, Optimists strengthen communities by promoting civic responsibility and patriotism while helping develop a sense of community service in our youth; and

**WHEREAS,** currently, approximately 800 Optimists in 29 clubs across South Carolina are *Bringing Out the Best in Kids* while working to address the needs of their communities.

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

### SOUTH CAROLINA OPTIMIST DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the members of this organization for their upbeat attitude and positive contributions that significantly impact young people and communities across the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

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