

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, businesses and industry across the Palmetto State provide a range of employment opportunities for our residents while strengthening our communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, 66% of total capital investment and 46% of new jobs recruited by the Department of Commerce and its economic development allies came from existing companies while 92% of capital investment and 66% of new jobs came from manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing accounts for over 16.4% of South Carolina's gross domestic product and 11.8% of our workforce; and

WHEREAS, small businesses in our state represent 95% of all private employers and 79.6% of all manufacturers and employ 35% of South Carolinians working in private industry; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the Palmetto State's 21st annual observance of Industry Appreciation Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 16 - 20, 2012, as

SOUTH CAROLINA INDUSTRY APPRECIATION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in thanking area companies for their many contributions to the quality of life in our communities and the economic well-being of our state.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

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