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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – Governor Nikki Haley today issued the following statement in response to South Carolina's unemployment rate significantly decreasing to 5.7 percent in February from 6.4 in January. Now at a six year low, February marks the ninth consecutive month the unemployment rate has decreased in South Carolina and the first time it has been a full point below the national rate in nearly 16 years. 2,039,455 South Carolinians were employed in February – the highest level in the state's history. Additionally, the decrease of 0.7 percent marks the largest ever one-month improvement for South Carolina since the data series began in 1976.

"This morning we are celebrating our unemployment rate dropping to 5.7 percent and the fact that more of our citizens are working than ever before – it's a great day in South Carolina."

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