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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the people of South Carolina, I would like to send congratulations to the County of Aiken as you celebrate Founders Day 2016.

Since its formation on March 10, 1871, Aiken County has been a valued treasure of the Palmetto State. Founding fathers Prince R. Rivers, Charles D. Haynes, Samuel J. Lee, William B. Jones, and Gloster H. Holland were the first men of color from Aiken County elected to the state's General Assembly, and they were instrumental in guiding the area's development and improving the quality of life for residents. Their original commitment to the unity and prosperity of Aiken County has had a positive influence on its progression throughout the past 145 years, and their achievements are sure to be a source of inspiration for generations to come.

Michael and I are pleased to join you in recognizing Aiken County's founders and their contributions to our great state. We hope you have a wonderful day. God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nikki".

Nikki R. Haley

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