

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** officially chartered on June 17, 1916, Congregation Beth Israel was organized several years earlier by 25 Jewish families in Greenville, South Carolina, who joined together to form a congregation and elect officers; and

**WHEREAS,** after meeting for services in members' homes and buildings in the downtown area for several years, Congregation Beth Israel's first permanent synagogue was completed in 1930 and began holding regular services and classes in the religious school; and

**WHEREAS,** the 1950's marked several changes for Congregation Beth Israel, including acceptance into the United Synagogue of America as a Conservative Jewish congregation in 1954 and the move to the present location which has undergone new construction and expansion to meet the worship, education, and outreach needs of a growing membership; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout the 100-year history of Congregation Beth Israel, members have played vital roles in all areas of the growth and development of the Greenville community.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2016, as

### CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the many contributions and rich history of the synagogue and its congregation.



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