

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Down syndrome affects the development of a baby's body and brain and can lead to physical and mental challenges; and

**WHEREAS,** since its establishment in 1995, the Buddy Walk® program has served to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome; and

**WHEREAS,** with 17 events the first year, the walks now number over 250 and take place in all 50 states as well as in locations around the world; and

**WHEREAS,** Buddy Walks across the Palmetto State offer a great opportunity to recognize our Down syndrome friends and neighbors and celebrate their achievements.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 19, 2014, as

### SOUTH CAROLINA BUDDY WALK DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the Down syndrome community.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in cursive script.

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