

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.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA