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# The New South Carolina

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Guest Column

**T**here is a New South Carolina being born.

You can see evidence of it in a recent Time Magazine special issue featuring the 100 Most Influential. There are four South Carolinians in the magazine – two were chosen among the 100 Most Influential and two were chosen to write short profiles. Who they are and what they wrote says a lot about our state and who we are becoming – the New South Carolina.

How were they chosen? Editor Nancy Gibbs said, “One way or the other they each embody a breakthrough; they broke the rules, broke the record, broke the silence, broke

the boundaries to reveal what we’re capable of... each in their own way have lessons to teach.”

So who are the four South Carolinians and what are the lessons they have to teach us?

The first is Gov. Nikki Haley, a 21st Century South Carolinian. When she was chosen for the list it got lots of media attention, as well it should. She was pictured seated at a big desk surrounded by a crowd of former governors, politicians and church people as she held a pen to sign the bill to take down the Confederate flag.

Haley was born in Barnwell to Indian immigrant parents. She grew

up different – not white not black – with all the challenges that brought. From childhood she worked in the family clothing business and she graduated from Clemson with a degree in accounting. Her husband has a military career as an officer and they have two beautiful children.

She’s got a wicked sense of humor, she’s smart and gritty and she made her way to success in the bare knuckle world of South Carolina politics. She was born a Sheik, is now a member of the Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church and is a Republican.

Sen. Lindsey Graham wrote the tribute to Haley.

After citing the challenges she and our state faced with the Emanuel and Walter Scott shootings and the 1,000 year flood, he said “...Gov. Haley led with determination, grace and compassion... From shaking up the system to providing kindness and understanding to the individuals and families affected by these tragedies, she put a face on South Carolina that we are all extremely proud of.”

Graham is a traditional South Carolinian; his family roots are in South Carolina. He was born in Central to a hard scrabble family and from childhood

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he worked in the family business – a restaurant-bar-pool hall-liquor store named the Sanitary Café. Both of his parents died when he was young; he went to USC Law School and had a military career as an officer. He has a deep and wide streak of ‘don’t tread on me... you can go straight to Hell’ South Carolina redneck independence.

He’s got a wicked sense of humor, he’s smart, gritty and he made his own way to success in the bare knuckle world of South Carolina and national politics. He’s single, a member of the Corinth Baptist Church and is a

Republican.

The second 21st Century South Carolinian featured in the magazine is probably the most famous South Carolinian that you have never heard of – at least if you are over 35 years old. He’s actor, writer and stand-up comedian Aziz Ansari. He was pictured standing in a white suit against a white background holding a bouquet of wilted purple flowers.

Ansari was born in Columbia into a Muslim family from India; his father was a doctor. He grew up in Bennettsville and went to the S.C. Governor’s School for

Science and Math. Like so many bright young folks, he left South Carolina and landed at New York

University’s Stern School of Business where he majored in marketing.

He began doing stand-up comedy in New York and his big break came when he starred in NBC’s comedy *Parks and Recreation* from 2009–2015. Now he plays Dev Shah on the Netflix series *Master of None*; Ansari created, writes, and stars in the show. *The New York Times* called it “the year’s best comedy straight out of the gate.” In 2015, he wrote a hot best-selling book, *Modern Romance*:

*An Investigation*. He was deeply moved by the Boston Marathon Bombing in 2013 and he performed a benefit concert for the victims and their families.

He’s got a wicked sense of humor, he’s smart, gritty and he made his own way to success in the bare knuckle world of big time television and media. He’s single, was raised a Muslim and is now an atheist and is a Democrat.

The forth South Carolinian in the magazine is traditional South Carolinian Jennifer Pinckney, wife of Rev. Clementa Pinckney who was killed in the Emanuel



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Nine shooting. She is African American and her family roots are in South Carolina; she grew up in the rural area around Aiken and went to the University of South Carolina.

She has survived the unspeakable horrors of the shooting and its continu-

ing aftermath with the upmost grace and dignity that all South Carolina is extremely proud of. She has two beautiful children,

is a member of Emanuel AME Church and she is a Democrat.

Pinckney was chosen to write the profile of none other than Pres. Barack Obama. She wrote lovingly of Obama's similarities with her husband - "...two God-fearing charismatic black men dedicated to public service and to their wives and two daughters. They were both voices for the voiceless who got up with smiles when they

got knocked down."

These four are the faces and voices of The New South Carolina. They are a combination of traditional and 21st Century South Carolinians - one white male, two of Indian descent, two women and one African American.

They all share South Carolina values, all are compassionate people, all have their own ideas about religion and politics and all share in the making of

The New South Carolina.

There is much of traditional South Carolina that is special, important and good. We need to recognize, protect and nourish it. It's who we are.

Welcome to The New South Carolina. It's who we are.

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Title: **The Sun News of Myrtle Beach on South Carolina Senate rules**

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## The Sun News of Myrtle Beach on South Carolina Senate rules

**D**epending on which senator is talking about the S.C. Senate rules, they hinder progress or are good for the Senate as a deliberative body and protect the rights of the minority.

"Senate rules are the biggest single problem in making progress," said Sen. Greg Hembree of Little River.

He alludes to the inglorious demise of legislation that would have placed mo-peds under state traffic laws like other motor vehicles, including motorcycles. Mo-peds and their operators remain totally unregulated in South Carolina; neither the two-wheelers nor their drivers are required to have licenses.

The General Assembly passed reasonable reform, but Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed the legislation, claiming it would be wrong to require mo-ped operators to wear reflective vests and to require that riders under age 21 wear helmets. The House overrode the veto, but one senator, Gerald Malloy of Hartsville, blocked a vote to override by delaying action. It was late and everyone was tired and ready to leave. Soon there was no quorum and no vote.

"It was terribly frustrating," Hembree said after the legislature adjourned, sans mo-ped reform.

"I want everybody to remember how this feels," Hembree told his fellow Republicans, to have come so close and be hamstrung by a single member of the Senate.

Hembree remains determined to work again in the upcoming session of the General Assembly for mo-ped regulation. "Passing laws is not supposed to be easy," Malloy says.

Both Hembree and Malloy are on a special committee

named by Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman to study senate rules. Sen. Luke Rankin of Myrtle Beach also is on the committee. Other members include Majority Leader Shane Massey of Edgefield, Minority Leader Nikki Setzler of West Columbia and Ronnie Cromer of Prosperity who has been chairman of the Rules Committee.

Hembree and Malloy also share assignment to another special committee on guns. Malloy, a Democrat, is chairman of the guns committee, which held a public hearing on Sept. 15 in Greenville, the first of four.

Malloy's view of the Senate rules differ considerably from Hembree's. "The Senate rules are very, very good rules," Malloy says. "The minority deserves an opportunity to be heard. The Senate rules are there to protect the minority." Republicans have held the Senate majority since 2001. Malloy says the rules are based on Thomas Jefferson's rules of order. "Every senator should have a right to stop or start" deliberations and so forth. "The Senate is the deliberate body."

On the mo-ped reform legislation, Malloy says his objection was to the requirement for protective vests. "I missed it" when the Senate approved the House version of the mo-ped legislation that went to the governor. Malloy acknowledges that on the override attempt, he "used the Senate rules to say 'present.'"

As to changing the rules, Malloy says, "I think there's always room for improvement." That's not slamming shut the door, but it suggests change is far more difficult than regulating mo-peds.

Title: **The Original Six Foundation & INNERSOLE celebrate RCES After School Program**

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# **The Original Six Foundation & INNERSOLE celebrate RCES After School Program**

*Jerry E. Halmon  
Staff Reporter*

Bamberg native and South Carolina Gov. Nikki R. Haley, founder of The Original Six Foundation and University of South Carolina Women's Basketball Coach Dawn Staley's INNERSOLE celebrated a new after school program at Richard Carroll Elementary School on Wednesday, September 21. The new after school program at RCES is serving 5th and 6th graders and encouraging learning through interactive, hands-on activities.

The program will focus on improving student's academic performance teaching skills

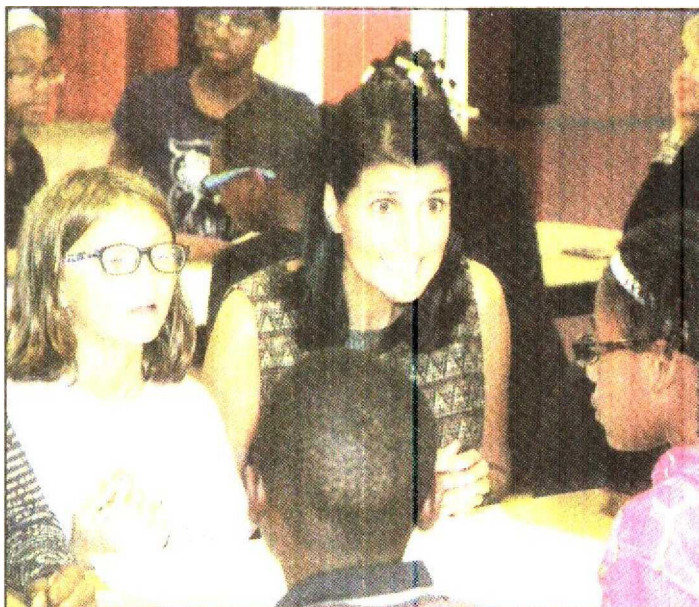


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**Gov. Nikki Haley chats with a group of students in the RCES, The Original Six Foundation and INNERSOLE sponsored After School Program.**

based in science, technology, engineering and mathematics and offering students individualized help with their homework. While activities will primarily focus on STEM subjects, instructors have the flexibility to tailor student's programs to focus on specific areas or subjects where the student is struggling or needs extra attention.

Additionally, each month students will focus on building a character trait that will be incorporated in each activity the students compete -- including but not limited to life skills and social skills development, engaging in community

outreach and participating in visits from mentors. This month students will focus on communication skills with months focusing on areas such as: respect and self-responsibility, food and nutrition, finance, health and hygiene, and leadership.

The program operates Monday through Thursday from 3:00PM to 5:00PM throughout the school year, and transportation and snacks are provided to each student daily. Organized and funded by The Original Six Foundation and INNERSOLE, local teachers are paid a stipend to implement the program.



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# Black Water Barrels ribbon-cutting ceremony

*Jerry E. Halmon*  
*Staff Reporter*

"I fell in love with this town when I first came in. I consider this my second home," Greg Pierce, President of Black Water Barrels LLC said Wednesday afternoon at the company's ribbon cutting ceremony in Bamberg. Pierce thanked "everyone" in the large crowd gathered in the lobby of the newly remodeled Zeigler Chevrolet Building for coming. He especially thanked Bamberg native and South Carolina Governor Nikki R. Haley, whom he said was "very helpful" during the process for being in attendance.

Pierce also had a special thanks to the building's former owner Clayton Zeigler. "Mr. Zeigler may be the prime reason that I'm here, he's a real gentleman," Pierce said. Pierce also thanked all the other local and state officials for helping to

facilitate the company's move to Bamberg. Governor Haley, in her comments noted that the Zeigler car dealership was a "staple" in the community of Bamberg that raised her.

"This is the sweetest community. The work ethic is exceptional and they're going to wrap their arms around you," Governor Haley told Pierce. "We now have to support him not just in good times, but tough times too," Governor Haley said, adding the company has already hired a "top notch" group of employees.

"We want this to be a destination site. A place to where people travel and a great way to bring more jobs to Bamberg County," Haley said. She told Pierce that he has really come to one "sweet spot" in our state and she was

"personally" committed to him. In addition, to the "Associates" that will be working at Black Water Barrels the Governor said: "You've made us proud. You're getting ready to see something really cool and not done anywhere else in South Carolina."

Danny Black, President of Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance in his introduction, said Pierce started 18 months ago looking for a place to open his company and settled in Bamberg. Pierce is a 25-year veteran of the wine, beer and spirits sales distribution and importing industry. In 2015, B.W.B.

announced its plan to invest \$3.6 million (that has already been surpassed) and create the state's first Cooperage Barrel making business in Bamberg.

The company will use American White Oak to make

their 30, 53 and 60 gallon barrels for the bourbon, wine, cider and whiskey industries. In the past few months, Pierce's company has taken the old Zeigler automotive business and turned it into a state of the art manufacturing facility. The company has already added 11,000 sq. ft. and hired 21 people with the intentions of getting to 60 people in the future.

City of Bamberg Mayor Pro Tem Cathy Schwarting welcomed Pierce to Bamberg calling the company "a tremendous contribution" to our city, county and surrounding communities. S.C. House District 90 Rep. Justin Bamberg said, "Black Water

Barrels is going to contribute to our endeavor to improve the quality of life" in Bamberg County.

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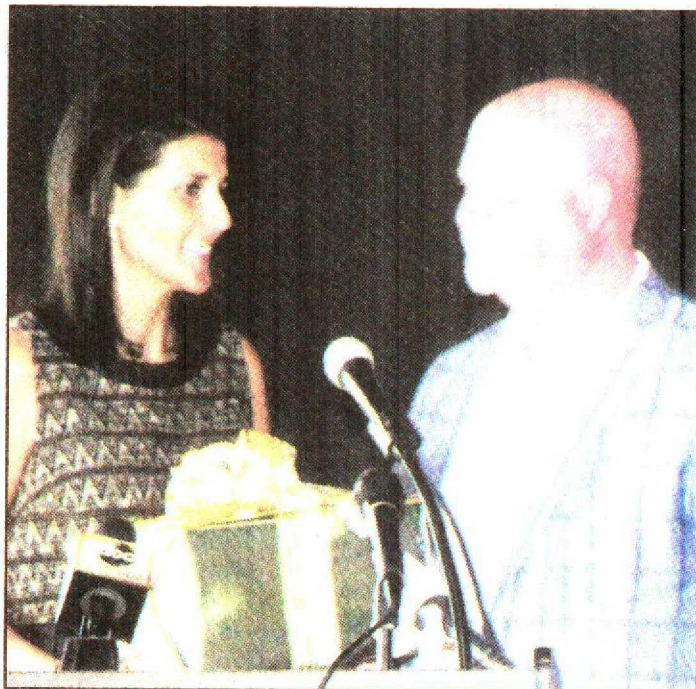


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**Gov. Nikki Haley (left) presents Black Water Barrels LLC., President Greg Pierce (right) with a gift Wednesday at the company's ribbon cutting.**

Title: **How others see us: S.C. must expect more of itself**  
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# How others see us: S.C. must expect more of itself

Scottish poet Robert Burns once wrote, "To see ourselves as others see us! It would from many a blunder free us."

Dear Mr. Noble:

I read your article in The Lancaster News, about S.C. needing to expect more of itself, with great interest. I am from Massachusetts, and I married a woman from Greenville. Her father's family is deeply rooted in Kershaw. I visit the family's pine tree farm in rural Lancaster County once or twice a year. In the ten years I've been going down there, I've struggled to understand the residents and the culture of South Carolina. People are unbelievably polite, yet you can't get a straight answer out of anyone. From a New Englander's perspective, I find everybody has a wall up, so you can never know what a person is really thinking. Polite, but fairly suspicious.

I've spent a lot of time trying to understand the people of this land, including learning about the local history, but can't seem to get a fix on Southerners. I read a fascinating book about the white settlement of the Waxhaws area, called "World of Toil and Strife: Community Transformation in Backcountry South Carolina, 1750-1805" by Peter Moore, and in that book I think I finally got some understanding.

The settlers and residents of the Waxhaws have had a history of wars that I think shows its effect on them to this day. The Scotch Irish settlers were deliberately settled near Indian towns, to be a buffer between the Native Americans and the

plantations. During the American Revolution, one side or another would blow through and burn down the farmhouses of loyalists or rebel supporters. I can't quite imagine what the Civil War experience was like from a Southern perspective. As a northerner, we think nothing much of either side, just that a lot of people died in a war about slavery. We never learned much about Sherman's March.

So, along with this idea that South Carolinians are polite but suspicious and guarded, perhaps from their own historical experiences, I came to another theory recently, that South Carolinians must think all government agencies are useless and corrupt, because they don't have much experience with good government. I often hear it said in the South that government is useless and corrupt and wasteful, etc. I have never understood the anger and complete lack of faith behind these words. Such disrespect, summed up by Joe Wilson's "you lie" comment (or substitute any in the long list of embarrassing remarks by South Carolina Republicans). When South Carolina's government was found to have stored SSN's and addresses of nearly every resident in an unencrypted form on a website that was hacked, Nikki Haley, instead of taking responsibility, blamed the Feds, because they required this information from the state.

I began to think that this state of mind may exist because, in South Carolina, the government really is poor. The roads are in horrible shape. I've been

reading the reports on deficient bridges. When I see road work being done on rural roads, the same antique methods are used, similar to what I've seen done on rural roads in Ireland. Nobody really thinks government can solve problems, or innovate, so government never rises to the occasion. Government really is broken, and corrupt, so therefore, people must think this is the case everywhere with all governments.

I live in Somerville, Mass. We have an amazing mayor, Joe Curtatone. He does astounding things, and has taken a poor city, with low tax base and a dull government (and some corruption), and turned it into a success story, a model of efficient and responsive city government. But that experience seems less uncommon here in New England. We have corruption like everybody else – a familiar fault in our species – but I think we generally have a belief that our government can help us and the society we live in. Even if the last three Massachusetts Speakers of the House (Democrats) were each convicted of felony crimes.

You are absolutely correct that the citizens need to expect

more, and demand more, from their politicians, but this requires that they have faith in the institution of government, despite ineffectual leadership and outright corruption. How do you get there? One way would be to circulate your column far and wide! South Carolina is more than just a state that lost a Civil War, as you

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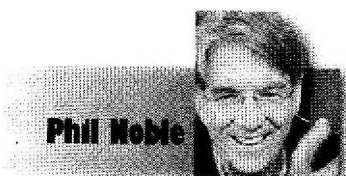
point out. Instead of proudly wearing T-shirts from the Dixie Republic in Traveler's Rest, its citizens need to think of themselves and their state's future –

their future. Let's hope!

Well, thanks again for such a great article. If I've offended you by getting something wrong, please let me know.

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# SC's top court to continue oversight of schools case

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COLUMBIA — The S.C. Supreme Court will continue its oversight of a landmark 1993 school-equity lawsuit brought against the state by poor, rural school districts that say they need more money.

In its order, dated Tuesday, the state's highest court also called on S.C. lawmakers and the districts that sued the state to update it by June 30 on steps both have taken to fix constitutional violations in the state's K-12 public schools.

The order is a response to the school districts' request for the court to stay involved in the case. That request came after state leaders asked the court to dismiss the lawsuit, citing

the steps the Legislature already has taken to address inequities in public education identified in the court's 2014 ruling.

The school districts have criticized the state for passing laws calling for more studies — not immediate reforms — and for not focusing enough on helping poor schools.

But the court disagreed with those criticisms as “unnecessary and unfounded.”

It praised lawmakers and Gov. Nikki Haley for their efforts, saying it expected the state to study what would be necessary to ensure students in poor schools have access to “a minimally adequate education.”

The court also said it wants the school districts

to report next year on their progress toward fulfilling its 2014 order. In particular, the court wants to know whether the poor districts have considered consolidation and “the prudence of creating school districts filled with students of the most disadvantaged socioeconomic background, exposing students ... to substandard educational inputs, and then maintaining that nothing can be done to improve those

school districts' unacceptable performances.”

The school districts are happy with the court's order but disagree with its assessment of the state's progress toward addressing the lawsuit, said Carl Epps, the districts' attorney.

“Our clients stand ready

to work with the Legislature and Gov. Haley's office in a collaborative fashion, as they have always have been, to do everything they can to help the students we represent,” Epps said.

S.C. House Speaker Jay Lucas, R-Darlington, said the court's order validates the work his education task force has done, and he also noted the plaintiff school districts “have failed to fully comply” with the court.

“Reforming South Carolina's education system requires more than legislative action, and every interested party must work together to improve every child's access to a 21st-century education,” he said.

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# Toby Keith concert postponed

From staff reports

FLORENCE — The Toby Keith concert that was scheduled for tonight at the Florence Civic Center has been postponed until March 9, 2017.

Fuel shortages and rising gas price increases in the Southeast are cited as the reason.

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley issued an executive order to assist the flow of gasoline supplies, and North Carolina remains in a state of emergency. Conse-

quently, Florence Civic Center officials and Toby Keith tour managers collectively opted to postpone the performance that was announced in mid-July.

"This is a major show for the region which attracts fans within a one- to two-hour drive and beyond," Florence Civic Center General Manager Kendall Wall said in a news

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release. "We understand the growing concerns for Toby's fans and our own fans, as we've been receiving distress messages over the past couple days."

The gas shortages throughout the Southeast have affected South Carolina and been especially demanding in North Carolina.

"It would be unfair for these fans and unrealistic

for them to travel given the current dismal situation with gas prices and availability," Wall said.

Tickets that had been purchased will remain valid for the new date. Ticket holders are asked to keep their tickets in a safe and dry place. Refunds will be made accessible for a limited time to ticket purchasers who will be unable to attend on the revised date. Refunds will only be made available at the original point of sale.



Keith

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# Haley announces BabyNet transition to SCDHHS

Gov. Nikki Haley today announced last week the transition of BabyNet, currently managed by First Steps, to the Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS).

Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), known as BabyNet in South Carolina, provides for early intervention services for children with disabilities from birth to their third birthday. Services are designed to identify and meet a child's needs in five developmental areas, including physical and cognitive development.

SCDHHS is uniquely positioned to bring Medicaid managed care organizations and BabyNet providers together to more efficiently and effectively process their Medicaid care plans and individualized family support plans under BabyNet. The agency administers Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which together serve a majority of BabyNet recipients. Medicaid pays for a

majority of births in South Carolina, so HHS has a relationship with most BabyNet recipients and their families from the very beginning of their lives.

"At Easterseals South Carolina we work every day to ensure that the children in South Carolina receive the best early intervention services they can, and we have been deeply troubled that South Carolina's Part C program has the worst track record of complying with federal compliance standards of any state in the union," said Deanna Lewis, president and CEO of Easterseals South Carolina. "With HHS's record of fiscal responsibility and having an established relationship with most BabyNet recipients already, we feel that HHS is the right agency to lead the program back into federal compliance."

"Too many children with developmental delays, disabilities and special health care needs in South Carolina are falling through the cracks and not receiving the critical early inter-

vention services they need. As the parent training and information center for South Carolina, we support steps that will best serve the children of our state and help position them for success in school and life," said Amy Holbert, executive director of Family Connection of South Carolina. "We believe a partnership between SCDHHS and DOE – based on these actions of Governor Haley – can help ensure that the children throughout our state receive those critical services when needed."

The work of transitioning BabyNet to SCDHHS will begin immediately, over the next few months, with formal assumption of lead agency responsibilities beginning July 1, 2017. This incorporation period will ensure a smooth transition that includes completion of necessary filings with the U.S. Department of Education, establishing partnerships with other state agencies and ensuring the state budget reflects the change.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

## Prisons get equipment to find cellphones

South Carolina Department of Corrections was given approval to proceed with a project to buy and install a system that allows correctional officers to find unauthorized cellphones within the state's prisons.

Members of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority approved SCDC's \$20,490 request to begin the process of installing the system, which makes it harder for inmates to use smuggled-in cellphones.

The agency has struggled to control the flow of smuggled-in cellphones for years. Agency Director Bryan Stirling has said the devices will be phased in at three state prisons first. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.4 million.

"It's terrible when you allow the inmates to have this much control," Gov. Nikki Haley said in support of Stirling's efforts.



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# State of South Carolina

## *Governor's Proclamation*

WHEREAS, direct support professionals, including direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, and in-home support workers, are the primary providers of publicly-funded, long-term supports and services for millions of individuals with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, providing a broad range of individualized supports, from navigating the routines of daily home life and job training and coaching to opportunities to access school, work, religious, and recreational activities, direct support professionals empower people with disabilities to fully participate in their communities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide essential supports that help individuals with disabilities stay connected to their families, friends, and communities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals support individuals with disabilities in making choices that lead to meaningful, productive, and successful lives in the community or in specialized residential care and avoid more costly institutional care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 11- 17, 2016, as

**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK** throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor our direct support professionals for their dedication and contributions that enhance the lives of individuals of all ages with disabilities.