

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, since its incorporation on February 4, 1941, the United Service Organizations (USO) has served as a link between Americans and our military, relying on the generosity of individuals to support its efforts to bring comfort, boost morale, and provide recreational services to the military; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the USO is to strengthen America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home, and country throughout their service to the nation; and

WHEREAS, the USO South Carolina serves over 100,000 service members and military family members annually through its locations at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, McCrady Training Center, and McEntire Joint National Guard Base; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the organization had nearly 20,000 participants throughout the state in its various programs designed to assist service members and their families; and

WHEREAS, while history-making events around the world have influenced the nature of the military and brought change to the organization, the USO is committed to enhancing the quality of life of our service members and their families; and

WHEREAS, February 4, 2016, marks the 75th Anniversary of the USO.

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

SOUTH CAROLINA USO AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in recognizing the organization for its generous contributions to the members of our Armed Forces and their families and for providing a venue for everyone to show support and appreciation for our troops.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA