

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Down syndrome is the most common genetic condition, occurring in approximately 1 in 700 babies born in the United States each year; and

**WHEREAS,** Down syndrome is caused by an extra copy of chromosome 21 which alters the development of a baby's body and brain and can lead to physical and mental challenges; and

**WHEREAS,** research has led to an increased understanding of the condition as well as improved treatment options, thereby contributing to a longer, more fulfilling life for people with Down syndrome; and

**WHEREAS,** World Down Syndrome Day offers an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of people with Down syndrome, as valued students, employees, and members of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2016, as**

### **WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of Down syndrome, recognize individuals and families affected by the condition, and help ensure they are afforded every opportunity to live, learn, work, and participate.



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

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