

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina is dedicated to providing the education and training opportunities necessary to ensure the availability of a skilled workforce for the high-demand jobs in the state; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship programs provide employees the opportunity to learn while they earn and employers the chance to build and expand their own workforce of highly-skilled workers; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment in 2007, Apprenticeship Carolina, a program of the SC Technical College System, has grown apprenticeships in the state at a phenomenal rate, increasing the number of programs from 90 to over 800 and the number of apprentices from less than 800 to more than 16,700 while broadening the scope to include nontraditional industry sectors such as health care, information technology, tourism, and advanced manufacturing as well as the traditional trades like construction, electrical, and plumbing; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of programs, such as the increasingly popular youth apprenticeship component, has resulted in the growth and diversity of apprentices in the Palmetto State, including higher numbers of female and minority apprentices.

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

### SOUTH CAROLINA APPRENTICESHIP MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about apprenticeship opportunities in the state and recognize the SC Technical System and its Apprenticeship Carolina program for their contributions that help ensure South Carolina's continued competitiveness through a well-trained and prepared workforce.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA