

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout our country's history, courageous men and women have answered the call to protect and defend the core principles upon which our nation was founded, standing ready to fight to keep America safe and to help secure peace around the world; and

WHEREAS, according to the most recent report from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, there are over 21.5 million veterans, including more than 417,500 living in South Carolina, who have served our country in times of peace and conflict, many of whom willingly entered harm's way to fight for our way of life; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated members of our Armed Forces have kept America strong and inspired generations through their selfless service, proving their heroism and love of country time and again while helping to define the character of our nation; and

WHEREAS, each year on Veterans Day, we recognize, with appreciation and respect, the men and women of our Armed Forces who have helped keep our nation secure and advance the cause of freedom worldwide by boldly defending the American principles of liberty, opportunity, and justice for all.

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

### VETERANS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to pause to reflect on the countless contributions and selfless sacrifices of the millions of men and women who have proudly served in the United States Armed Forces.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA