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**From:** Priester, Nicole  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 9:23 PM  
**To:** Haley, Nikki  
**Subject:** FW: Confirmation -- Re: Governor Haley participation with IPSC- Observance of Interfaith Harmony Month

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**From:** Priester, Nicole  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2016 10:27 AM  
**To:** 'goinscolumbia@aol.com'  
**Cc:** Thomas, Katherine  
**Subject:** RE: Confirmation -- Re: Governor Haley participation with IPSC- Observance of Interfaith Harmony Month

Dr. Goins,

Governor Haley's schedule is very tight as she prepares for Senate confirmation as well as tie-up loose ends in the Governor's Office. It would be best to move forward with a date that works best for you and your group. No staff will be available to read the proclamation at the press conference as we are all focused on the transition. You are more than welcomed to read the proclamation yourself or designate someone else at the event. Katherine Thomas is copied on this email and will be sure a signed copy of the proclamation is sent to you prior to your press conference. Thank you for understanding the Governor's very tight schedule at this time.

Nicole

Nicole Priester  
Scheduler | Office of Governor Nikki Haley  
[NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov](mailto:NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov)

**From:** [goinscolumbia@aol.com](mailto:goinscolumbia@aol.com) [<mailto:goinscolumbia@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2016 6:56 AM  
**To:** Priester, Nicole  
**Cc:** [Katherine.Thomas@admin.sc.gov](mailto:Katherine.Thomas@admin.sc.gov).  
**Subject:** Re: Confirmation -- Re: Governor Haley participation with IPSC- Observance of Interfaith Harmony Month

Dear Nicole:

Was there another date that is better for Governor Haley's schedule?

**We are willing to move it.**

We were planning to thanking/**honoring** Governor Haley for proclaiming IHM each year since 2013 and encouraging her to carry with her to the United Nations our interfaith values of dialogue, acceptance and compassion?

If there is a better date, please let me know, asap ( so that we can reschedule the statehouse for Press Conference)

If not, will she be sending someone to read the Proclamation from her office, or will you be attending to do that?

I have submitted the proclamation request to Ms Katherine Thomas's office and attention, already.

Thanks So much for you quick and attentive response!

Thanks Again, as we say in Cherokee Language 'Wado!'

Dr. Will Moreau Goins, Chairman  
Interfaith Partners of South Carolina  
(803) 397-3938  
<http://interfaithpartnersofsc.org/>

-----Original Message-----

From: Priester, Nicole <[NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov](mailto:NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov)>

To: goinscolumbia <[goinscolumbia@aol.com](mailto:goinscolumbia@aol.com)>

Sent: Mon, Nov 28, 2016 4:05 pm

Subject: RE: Confirmation -- Re: Governor Haley participation with IPSC- Observance of Interfaith Harmony Month

Dr. Goins,

Thank you for your email. Governor Haley's schedule is not going to permit for her to attend on December 30<sup>th</sup> for this year's kick-off of SC Interfaith Harmony Month. The Governor is happy to still provide a proclamation, but due to her tight schedule she is unable to do a reading. Katherine Thomas can assist with providing you a proclamation:  
[Katherine.Thomas@admin.sc.gov](mailto:Katherine.Thomas@admin.sc.gov).

Take care,  
Nicole

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**From:** [goinscolumbia@aol.com](mailto:goinscolumbia@aol.com) [<mailto:goinscolumbia@aol.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 3:21 PM

**To:** Priester, Nicole

**Subject:** Re: Confirmation -- Re: Governor Haley participation with IPSC- Observance of Interfaith Harmony Month

Dear Nicole

IPSC, wanted me to ask you if the Governor would consider joining us on December 30th, Friday at the Statehouse for this year's kick-off of SC Interfaith Harmony Month.

The reading of the Proclamation and Press Conference

Certainly, if there was a better date for her schedule, we would be willing to alter the date to accommodate her participation.

Thanks So Much

Dr. Will Moreau Goins, Chairman  
IPSC

-----Original Message-----

From: Priester, Nicole <[NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov](mailto:NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov)>

To: goinscolumbia <[goinscolumbia@aol.com](mailto:goinscolumbia@aol.com)>

Sent: Mon, Dec 14, 2015 1:41 pm

Subject: RE: January 4-8, 2016 Confirmation -- Re: Governor Haley participation with IPSC- Observance of Interfaith Harmony Month

Dr. Goins,

Thank you for extending an invitation to Governor Haley to participate in a press conference declaring January to be "South Carolina Interfaith Harmony Month". Governor Haley appreciates your kind consideration, but regrettably the Governor's schedule over the next several weeks is very tight. Governor Haley is happy to issue the proclamation again, but she will not be available for a press event or private reading this year due to her busy schedule. Thank you for thinking of Governor Haley, and I will be sure the proclamation request has been received.

Thank you,  
Nicole

**From:** [goinscolumbia@aol.com](mailto:goinscolumbia@aol.com) [<mailto:goinscolumbia@aol.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2015 10:39 AM

**To:** [goinscolumbia@aol.com](mailto:goinscolumbia@aol.com); Priester, Nicole

**Cc:** Haley, Nikki; Webb, Beth

**Subject:** January 4-8, 2016 Confirmation -- Re: Governor Haley participation with IPSC- Observance of Interfaith Harmony Month

Resend

Subject: Fwd: Governor Haley & IPSC- Observance of Interfaith Harmony Month

Office of the Governor  
Governor Nikki R. Haley  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Fax: (803) 734-5167  
October 6, 2014  
Re: Scheduling Governor Nikki Haley for January 2016

Dear Governor Haley & Nicole Priester:

I am requesting; on behalf of the **Interfaith Partners of South Carolina**, which I serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and as a *Faith Community Representative*, for your/her participation in a **Press Conference** planned for raising the profile of "**South Carolina Interfaith Harmony Month**" **January 2016**. **Interfaith Partners of South Carolina (IPSC)** is a statewide organization. **Dr Ajit Singh Randhawa**, South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley's father (your father), also serves with me on the Executive Board of the **Interfaith Partners of South Carolina (IPSC)**, representing the Sikh faith community.

The Press Conference is tentatively scheduled for the week of **January 4-8, 2016** or it could be sometime between **December 28 thru January 1<sup>st</sup>**. We would like the Governor to be present /read the 2016 proclamation and this should not take more than 10 minutes out of her schedule. We want/need a specific confirmation and commitment before processing the appropriate paperwork for reserving the Lobby/rotunda/first floor interior of the State House. **Could you please check Governor Haley's schedule and let me know of her preferred time to participate in this Press Conference and her availability.** In years past we have had a private audience with Governor Haley in her Chambers with the attending IPSC Executive Committee. **This year we wanted to try something a little different.**

I have attached the Proclamation from 2015, as an example of what will be presented by Governor Haley at the Press Conference, acknowledging "**South Carolina Interfaith Harmony Month**" **January 2016** in conjunction with the international and national observance.

In the aftermath of this summer's Charleston church massacre, the 1000 year flood, there remains a faithful and bright future of a "New South" dedicated to tackling historical problems of racial and economic inequality and intolerances. IPSC would

like to contribute to the vision for South Carolina's position in the "New South" in a positive way and with impact on all South Carolinians statewide, regarding compassion, faith based resilience, harmony, tolerance, and acceptance of the human family.

The mission of Interfaith Partners of South Carolina is to foster understanding and cooperation among the religious groups of our community, our state, and our world. The state of South Carolina has a centuries-old history of vibrant religious pluralism. The descendants of our indigenous tribes still maintain their unique spirituality. From the earliest days of European colonization and ancient Native American spiritual traditions that were existent for thousands of years prior, dozens of faiths entered the port of Charleston or traveled south by land, from Muslims to Anabaptists, Jews to Huguenots. And today we are home to hundreds of religious traditions, large and small. Our economic and social fabric are comprised of business executives, students and faculty at our universities, medical professionals and others who are often new South Carolinians bringing with them the faith traditions of countries around the world. South Carolina interfaith leaders have long realized the importance of bringing together people of divergent religious cultures. Interfaith Partners of South Carolina is a statewide organization.

I serve on the Executive Board of the Interfaith Partners of South Carolina (IPSC). I have been asked to request the Governor's participation in this Press Conference.

We appreciate your expedience with responding to this request. If I can be of any assistance to you, or if you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to call me (803) 397-3938.

Thanks Again, as we say in Cherokee Language 'Wado!'

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