

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** our nation is one of diverse faith and culture, settled by people in search of freedom and opportunity; and

**WHEREAS,** the First Amendment to the United States Constitution secures the fundamental right of religious freedom for all Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** the exercise of religious freedom includes respect for the right of all Americans to worship freely according to their individual beliefs.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2015, as

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate our right to religious freedom and promote tolerance, respect, and understanding for those with different beliefs.



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

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