

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, 2017, 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