

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, serving more than 33 thousand students across our state, independent, non-profit colleges and universities are dedicated to providing high-quality postsecondary educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, these institutions have established an unparalleled record of excellence in teaching and nurturing students, adapting to ever-evolving student needs, technological advances, and social trends while providing a full range of educational experiences; and

WHEREAS, independent colleges and universities in the Palmetto State share a common commitment to promoting critical thinking and creativity by preparing students for full lives, productive careers, and active citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the organization that represents 20 of these institutions of higher learning, South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, has for over 60 years provided *A Voice for Independent Higher Education in South Carolina*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 11 - 15, 2016, as

INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WEEK

and April 13, 2016, as

INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our independent, non-profit colleges and universities for their positive contributions to ensuring our continued status as leaders in higher education.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA