

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, signed into law on July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ensures the rights of citizens with disabilities by prohibiting discrimination in the areas of education, employment, government services, places of public accommodation, commercial facilities, and other vital areas of society and is considered the first law to provide equal treatment to Americans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions about citizens with disabilities, and increasing opportunities for full community inclusion; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations in the Palmetto State work with constituents and communities to bring forth the promise of hope and freedom that is envisioned by the passage of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act provides an opportunity to renew our commitment to the ADA's principles in ensuring the rights and independence of citizens with disabilities and empowering our state and nation to benefit from the contributions of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2015, as

### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of the ADA and celebrate the people it has helped over the past quarter century as well as their achievements.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA