

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** thousands of South Carolina residents and families are impacted by severe lifelong disabilities including autism, traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, and intellectual and related disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** people with lifelong disabilities are productive citizens, neighbors, and family members, deserving of respect and opportunities for economic self-sufficiency, independence, and personal growth; and

**WHEREAS,** South Carolinians with and without disabilities work together, play together, worship together, learn together, and grow together; and

**WHEREAS,** family members, caregivers, and service providers selflessly offer daily care, assistance, supervision, and physical and emotional support to individuals with disabilities to help ensure their full participation in community life; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2017 observance of Disabilities Awareness Month celebrates 28 years of successes of people with disabilities in education, employment, and community activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as**

### DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote increased opportunities for people with disabilities, to recognize the many contributions made by people with disabilities in our communities, and to honor the dedication of the caregivers who bring support and hope to their fellow citizens.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

**HENRY MCMASTER  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**