WHEREAS, South Carolinians with disabilities have the same aspirations to competitively work and contribute to their communities as everyone else; and

WHEREAS, business and community leaders have called for a diverse and capable work force to further advance the economy of the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, the support and cooperation of all people are needed to reduce the attitudinal and physical barriers that hinder full acceptance of people with disabilities and their rightful place in employment; and

WHEREAS, Disability Employment Awareness Month recognizes that individuals with disabilities are capable, contributing members of society worthy of full access and inclusion in South Carolina’s workforce.

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

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to identify barriers to employment for persons with disabilities and continue to work toward improvements to ensure a competitive wage in an integrated environment for all citizens of the Palmetto State.