

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, a significant portion of South Carolina residents are persons with physical, psychiatric, intellectual, developmental, learning, vision, hearing, or other disabilities; and

WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities have the same desires as those without disabilities, including an equitable education, gainful employment, and community participation; and

WHEREAS, including all individuals with disabilities fully in the community enables the utilization of the invaluable knowledge, skills, talents, and diversity they have to offer; and

WHEREAS, Advocacy Day for Access and Independence recognizes that individuals with disabilities are capable, contributing members of society worthy of full access and inclusion in South Carolina's communities; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 observance of Advocacy Day for Access and Independence celebrates ten years of advocacy for and the full access and inclusion of individuals with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2024, as

ADVOCACY DAY FOR ACCESS AND INDEPENDENCE

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to destroy the barriers that hinder individuals with disabilities from becoming fully independent participants in our communities.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster", is written over a white background.

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA