

# 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 a quality 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, and talents 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 2025 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 Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 8, 2025, 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 Dargan McMaster".

HENRY DARGAN McMASTER  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA