

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams, nature centers, gardens, and other landmark areas that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; and

**WHEREAS,** public lands throughout South Carolina and the nation provide natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation, and recreation; and

**WHEREAS,** National Public Lands Day is an innovative, public/private partnership event that encourages volunteers of all ages to work together restoring and enhancing our federal, state, and local public lands; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2016 observance of National Public Lands Day provides a unique opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of land conservation and stewardship to our quality of life.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2016, as

### PUBLIC LANDS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the benefits of land conservation, restoration, and enhancement and to work together to ensure the preservation of our public lands for generations to come.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley", written in a cursive style.

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**