

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the combined loss of vision and hearing is one of the most severe of all disabilities, affecting mobility, communication, and access to information for more than a million people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** Helen Keller was one of the most accomplished, respected, and renowned Americans who was deaf-blind; and

**WHEREAS,** people who are deaf-blind live, work, play, and worship in our communities and are productive citizens, neighbors, and family members deserving of respect and opportunities for personal growth; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2014 observance of Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week calls attention to the abilities and potential of our residents with dual-sensory loss while recognizing Helen Keller as a guiding example of courage, hope, determination, and achievement.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 22 - 28, 2014, as

### HELEN KELLER DEAF-BLIND AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions made by people who are deaf-blind in communities across the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

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