

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the combined loss of vision and hearing, one of the most severe of all disabilities, affects more than one 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, encouraging the full participation of Americans with multi-sensory disabilities by furthering employment, housing, and recreational options for people who are deaf-blind helps maximize their opportunities for a productive life in the community of their choice; and

WHEREAS, today, people who are deaf-blind are attending college, participating in social activities, managing their everyday lives, and actively engaging in their communities through employment and civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week calls attention to the abilities and potential of individuals who are deaf-blind or severely vision and hearing impaired while recognizing Helen Keller as a guiding example of courage, hope, determination, and achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 25 - July 1, 2017, 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 "Henry McMaster".

HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA