

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the 21st day of March 2020 marks the commemoration of End Racism Day, officially observed by the United Nations as The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination since 1966; and
- WHEREAS, End Racism Day has become an annual observance led by the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission, whose duty is to prevent and eliminate unlawful discrimination; and
- WHEREAS, the observance of End Racism Day helps continue the healing of our state after the Mother Emanuel A.M.E. Church shooting and promotes constructive dialogue to enhance mutual respect and harmony among all races of people; and
- WHEREAS, End Racism Day is an opportunity to further the resolve as we pause to acknowledge the diversity of the human race rather than allow our dissimilarities to become a reason for racial separation; and
- WHEREAS, because a racial hierarchy has never had, and will never have, a place in the modern and democratic society to which we aim, communities across the Palmetto State are encouraged to rejoice in the differences that make every individual unique; and
- WHEREAS, the elimination of racism can be achieved only with the participation of all residents in dialogue, reflection, and action; and
- WHEREAS, while End Racism Day alone cannot change the world, it is a step in the right direction that can make a world of difference.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2020, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate some of humanity's greatest triumphs in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, and intolerance and reaffirm their commitment to combating racism, whatever its form.



HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA