

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** throughout the history of our state and nation, we have welcomed people with diverse backgrounds and beliefs, many of whom were seeking relief from religious persecution, respecting their freedom to practice their faith without fear; and

**WHEREAS,** advances in technology have transcended the barriers of time and distance, leading to the growth of our social, economic, and cultural ties to the global community as well as challenges in understanding and communicating with our international neighbors; and

**WHEREAS,** open communication, mutual respect, common dignity, sincere understanding, and unilateral cooperation play a vital role in the promotion of peace and goodwill among all people and between all nations; and

**WHEREAS,** affirming our commitment to interfaith harmony, religious liberty, and tolerance for diverse traditions and beliefs contributes to our continued strength and prosperity; and

**WHEREAS,** as a statewide partnership of many different religious, spiritual, and secular groups, Interfaith Partners of South Carolina, along with their affiliates and their partner organizations, are working to be a statewide network of compassionate communities throughout the state which transcends religious, ideological, and national differences.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 2025 as

### SOUTH CAROLINA INTERFAITH HARMONY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to foster appreciation for the different faiths, beliefs, and cultures found in the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry D. McMaster".

**HENRY DARGAN McMASTER**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**