

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs was founded in 1993 to study the causes and effects of inequities impacting African Americans; and
- WHEREAS, the agency's scope expanded in 2003 to include Native Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, and Asian American/Pacific Islanders; and
- WHEREAS, the agency works to secure the vision whereby all ethnic minority citizens of South Carolina will be treated equitably and achieve economic prosperity through socio-cultural awareness, collaboration, policy change, and research; and
- WHEREAS, the agency serves as South Carolina's central point of contact on statistical data affecting its constituent communities and works with officials at the federal, state, county, and local levels of government; and
- WHEREAS, the agency currently comprises Multicultural Affairs, Outreach, Public Information, and Research and Planning Divisions to aid in identifying and examining emerging issues and trends affecting the state's minority communities; and
- WHEREAS, the agency offers technical assistance to small and minority businesses, community groups interested in civic education and engagement and works with the state's formerly incarcerated; and
- WHEREAS, South Carolina recognizes that the diverse cultures that call it home represent one of its greatest strengths and recognizing these cultures and their contributions and accomplishments enhances the state's charm and/or appeal across the nation and around the world; and
- WHEREAS, South Carolina is committed to providing comprehensive support to ensure that it is welcoming to all people and building a more diverse space for people to live, work, and raise a family.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 29, 2023, as

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions made by the agency to the citizens of the Palmetto State.



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA