

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** an educated, informed, and participatory electorate forms the cornerstone of our representative democracy and serves as a vital source of governmental accountability; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 3.2 million South Carolinians are currently registered to vote while approximately 500,000 residents are of voting age but have not registered; and
- WHEREAS,** because voting is an exercise of citizens' rights and responsibilities that makes our country work, all eligible citizens of the Palmetto State should be encouraged to register to vote and to exercise that right on Election Day; and
- WHEREAS,** May 13, 2018 is the last day to register and be eligible to vote in the 2018 statewide primaries; and
- WHEREAS,** June 12, 2018, is Election Day across South Carolina, with citizens casting their votes in statewide primaries for Governor, Constitutional Officers, members of the United States Congress, members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, and numerous other state and local offices; and
- WHEREAS,** state and county election officials, along with more than 20,000 poll workers, are working hard to secure our elections and are making preparations to ensure every voter has the opportunity to vote and the assurance that their vote will be counted.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as

VOTER EDUCATION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all eligible South Carolinians to register to vote, to educate themselves regarding the candidates, and to exercise their most basic democratic right by participating in all elections.



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

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA