

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** in 1916, the first woman was admitted to the University of South Carolina School of Law by convincing the faculty that pending legislation supported permitting women to practice law; and

**WHEREAS,** on February 14, 1918, Governor Richard I. Manning signed that legislation, and women were granted the authority to practice law in the State of South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** during the past century, women lawyers across the Palmetto State have made great strides in their field, serving as leaders in law firms, government agencies, corporations, public service organizations, and judges at local, state and federal levels; and

**WHEREAS,** as leaders in public service, South Carolina women lawyers not only work to secure their own rights of equal opportunity but also are advocates in efforts to secure and protect the rights of others; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2019, approximately 35 percent of lawyers registered by the South Carolina Bar are women.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2019 as**

### **WOMEN IN THE LAW DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions women have made in the field of law.



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