

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** South Carolinians of all ages with disabilities may need assistive technology devices and services to live independently and productively, as well as to participate in their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** assistive technology devices and services allow people to work, attend school, play, and live in the community of their choice; and
- WHEREAS,** an assistive technology device is any item, piece of equipment, or product, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities or older citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** assistive technology services are defined as any service that directly assists an individual in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device; and
- WHEREAS,** assistive technology devices and services are not luxury items but necessary tools for people with disabilities and older citizens that empower them to control their lives and their futures; and
- WHEREAS,** the South Carolina Assistive Technology Program, Center for Disability Resources, University of South Carolina School of Medicine is a leading assistive technology program and has offered the Assistive Technology Expo for 26 years for all South Carolinians; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2019 SC Assistive Technology Expo will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center and is open at no cost to all South Carolina residents to explore the latest in assistive technology.

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

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to become aware of the many ways in which assistive technologies contribute to the health, happiness, and independence of families, friends, and neighbors.



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**HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**