

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** since 1972, the National Senior Nutrition Program has funded local agencies and organizations to serve home-delivered and congregate meals that help ensure older adults have opportunities to stay healthy, independent, and connected; and
- WHEREAS,** reports show that South Carolina is one of the top ten states in high overall food insecurity for older adults; and
- WHEREAS,** local senior nutrition programs help older adults access healthy foods as well as provide nutrition screening, education, and counseling, social opportunities, and other supports that encourage well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** the senior nutrition program is an integral part of South Carolina communities by providing sustenance and so much more to our older adults, especially those most vulnerable to chronic health conditions and social isolation; and
- WHEREAS,** senior nutrition programs are having a positive impact on our state and its senior members as demonstrated by 53 percent of participants indicating that one congregate meal provides one-half or more of their total food for the day while 80 percent of congregate participants report that the program helps them continue to live independently; and
- WHEREAS,** additionally, 55 percent of participants indicate that a home-delivered meal provides at least one-half of their total food for the day, and 89 percent of home-delivered meal participants report the program helps them continue to live independently.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as the

ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize older adults and the people who support them through nutrition services as essential contributors to the strength of the Palmetto State.



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

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA