

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Small Business Development Center (SC SBDC) is committed to advancing economic development across the state by helping entrepreneurs grow successful businesses; and

WHEREAS, small businesses represent 97 percent of the state's employers, driving economic growth and reducing unemployment throughout the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, the SC SBDC network is uniquely situated to help small businesses succeed through partnerships with four South Carolina universities, Clemson University, South Carolina State University, the University of South Carolina, and Winthrop University, and other partners; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the SC SBDC network assisted 11,926 individuals seeking consulting services, helped create/retain 3,912 jobs, obtained \$77.1 million in commercial loans, served as the catalyst for helping businesses win \$3.4 in government contract awards, and launched 143 new businesses; and

WHEREAS, the SC SBDC network comprises 50 professionals located in 20 centers throughout the state who provide a variety of no-fee consulting services to new and existing businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 17, 2021, as

SOUTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to congratulate the SC SBDC on its success "Building the South Carolina Economy One Business at a Time."



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

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA