

Ambassador Nikki R. Haley



Ambassador Nikki R. Haley is the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations and a member of President Donald Trump's Cabinet.

Prior to her service at the United Nations, Ambassador Haley served as Governor of South Carolina and chief executive of a state government with more than 67,000 employees and an annual budget of more than \$26 billion.

Under Haley's leadership, South Carolina's economy flourished. Haley visited foreign countries including India, Sweden, France, Germany, and Japan on economic development missions to recruit jobs and investment for South Carolinians. She negotiated deals with some of the largest corporations in the world and convinced them to make South Carolina their home.

The state announced jobs in each of South Carolina's 46 counties - more than 85,000 jobs total - and South Carolina's unemployment rate hit a 15 year record low during the Haley administration.

Haley was the first governor in America to sign legislation combatting the anti-Israel Boycott, Divest and Sanction, or "BDS", movement. Haley also fought back against efforts to bring terrorists detained at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base to the United States.

In 2015, Haley led South Carolina through one of its most difficult periods, forging unity and consensus in the wake of tragedy at Charleston's Emanuel A.M.E. Church, the removal of the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds, and the record breaking 1,000-year flood that devastated the state.

Born in Bamberg, South Carolina, the daughter of Indian immigrants, Haley's first job was keeping the books for her family's clothing store —at the age of 13. She is a proud graduate of Clemson University.

Haley and her husband, Michael, a Captain in the Army National Guard and combat veteran who was deployed to Afghanistan's Helmand Province, have two children, Rena, 18, and Nalin, 15.