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Thelisha Eaddy becomes first female African American local host of SC Public Radio's "Morning Edition"

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Thelisha Eaddy is the new local host of SC Public Radio's ***Morning Edition***, making her the station's first female African American host of the popular morning show in its 50-year history.

Eaddy joined SC Public Radio's team of reporters in 2015 to cover the long-term recovery of the historic flood in Columbia. Since that time, she has continued covering top news stories for the network. In addition to her on-air reporting, Eaddy can be seen on other South Carolina ETV programming, reporting [live coverage of elections](#) and providing analysis during Governor Inaugurations, moderating debates, and hosting the program [Palmetto Perspectives](#). In 2019, Eaddy also produced [The Road We Trod](#), a one-hour special on South Carolina's Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their impact on history and the economy.

A native of the South Carolina Lowcountry, Eaddy's first broadcast job was in her hometown of Saint Stephen. She studied at the University of South Carolina in Columbia and learned valuable behind-the-scenes radio and TV broadcasting skills at Trident Technical College in Charleston.

Eaddy is an award-winning, multimedia journalist, receiving the 2009 South Carolina Broadcasters Association Radio Reporter of the Year award and several Radio Television Digital News Association of the Carolinas awards for her reporting.

Morning Edition is the most listened-to news radio program in the country. For over three decades, the show has provided multi-faceted stories and commentaries. A bi-coastal, 24-hour news operation, ***Morning Edition*** is hosted nationally by NPR talent and supplemented with local news and information by NPR member station producers and reporters. Eaddy hosts ***Morning Edition*** locally for SC Public Radio and can be heard each Monday through Friday from 6 - 9 a.m. Eaddy's morning news can also be heard on the [SC Public Radio website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) page.

During [Women's History Month](#), South Carolina ETV and Public Radio is amplifying female voices that drive culture and change by bringing stories and content across its platforms. These offerings celebrate the cultural, economic, social and political achievements of women who have impacted local and national conversations.

For more stories, quizzes, interviews and information, visit the [SCETV website](#). Students or children can also learn more about courageous, innovative women who have made history by viewing the Women's History collection on [KnowItAll.org](#). Additional programming celebrating Women's History Month can also be heard on [SC Public Radio](#).

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"I am honored and humbled to be able to provide South Carolinians with top-tier local news coverage as they start their day. I hope my presence sparks interest from even more viewers and gets people interested in programming that they may not think would resonate with them." -**SC Public Radio Morning Edition Host Thelisha Eaddy**

"It's important for all our listeners to see themselves represented in the talent behind South Carolina ETV and Public Radio. Having Thelisha as the local host of ***Morning Edition*** not only showcases her expertise in journalistic excellence, but is a historic moment for SC Public Radio. Her experience, integrity and passion for public radio is invaluable." -**SCETV Interim President and CEO Dr. Stephanie Cook**

FAST FACTS

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About South Carolina ETV and Public Radio

South Carolina ETV and Public Radio (SCETV) is the state's public educational broadcasting network. SCETV amplifies South Carolina voices, provides educational experiences and strengthens communities, while working toward creating a stronger, more connected and informed South Carolina. In addition to airing local programs, such as *Carolina Classrooms*, *Making It Grow*, and *This Week in South Carolina*, SCETV also presents multiple programs to regional and national audiences, including *By The River*, *After Action*, *Reconnecting Roots*, *Reel South*, *Somewhere South*, *Yoga in Practice* and *How She Rolls*. In addition, SC Public Radio produces the national radio production, *Chamber Music from Spoleto Festival USA*.

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