

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, since 1998, the South Carolina Internet Crimes Against Children (SC ICAC) Task Force has united resources at the state, county, and local level in a coordinated effort to combat online predators and to keep children safe; and

WHEREAS, those efforts have resulted in more than 375 arrests and 246 convictions to date; and

WHEREAS, SC ICAC's Internet Safety Education outreach has made hundreds of presentations in every section of the state, educating children of all ages, as well as teachers, guidance counselors, parents, and grandparents, about ways to stay safe online; and

WHEREAS, even though great strides have been made in improving safety for children in the digital age, the need remains for increased public awareness of potential dangers and for diligent law enforcement to safeguard against online predators who seek to harm our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 21 - 27, 2013, as

SC INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN'S "STAY SAFE ONLINE" WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the efforts being made to protect our state's children and to join in making our youngest citizens aware of their responsibility to practice good Digital Citizenship.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA