

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** children's advocacy centers are child-focused, facility-based programs in which representatives from many disciplines, including law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, healthcare, and victim advocacy, work together as a team to make decisions about investigation, treatment management, and prosecution of child abuse cases; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2013, children's advocacy centers around South Carolina served over 7,000 children, providing victim advocacy, medical and mental health treatment services, and support to these children and their families; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately 40 percent of the children receiving services from our advocacy centers were between the ages of six and twelve, with an additional 38 percent between newborn and six; and

**WHEREAS,** although neglect is the most common form of child maltreatment, victims also suffer year after year from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** children's advocacy centers seek to model, promote, and deliver excellence in best practice to child abuse response and prevention through service, education, and leadership.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2014, as**

### CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the valuable contributions of children's advocacy centers to the health and well-being of children and families throughout the Palmetto State.



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

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**