

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, millions of adult Americans, including approximately 15 percent of adult South Carolinians, have marginal literacy that limits their ability to read, write, and speak English proficiently; and
- WHEREAS, the stigma of being unable to complete a job application, write a check, pass a written driving test, or read to a child or grandchild can lead to a marginalized existence; and
- WHEREAS, directly impacting the ways by which an individual works, parents, and contributes to society, adult illiteracy can lead to lower levels of physical health, lack of civic integration, and increased levels of incarceration; and
- WHEREAS, literacy empowers parents in their role as their children's first teacher and helps them prepare their children to be ready to learn upon entering school and to succeed once in school; and
- WHEREAS, boosting literacy for all South Carolinians helps strengthen our communities and ensure our continued success in the global marketplace while enhancing the quality of life of all our residents.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2011 as

### SOUTH CAROLINA LITERACY MONTH

and September 8, 2011, as

### SOUTH CAROLINA LITERACY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to increase literacy among the residents of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA