

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** approximately 2.5 million Americans sustain brain injuries each year, and traumatic brain injuries (TBI) are contributing factors in one-third of all injury-related deaths in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** each year in the State of South Carolina, there are approximately 11,500 emergency department visits as a result of TBI; and
- WHEREAS,** while a traumatic brain injury can disrupt brain function, causing problems with cognition, movement, sensation, and emotions, research, treatment, and support can help speed recovery; and
- WHEREAS,** early, effective care can enhance the overall quality of life and enable individuals to return to their home, school, work, and community; and
- WHEREAS,** this year's observance of Brain Injury Awareness Month serves to educate the public on the extent, causes, consequences, treatment, and prevention of traumatic brain injury.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2015 as

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of how to prevent TBIs and to reinforce the importance of quality rehabilitation and education programs for TBI survivors.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA