

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, breastfeeding contributes significantly to the early health, growth, and development of infants, helping establish a foundation for lifelong health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding provides babies with an ideal balance of nutrients and has been shown to increase natural immunity against a range of infections and allergies; and

WHEREAS, women who breastfeed have reduced chances of developing breast and ovarian cancer, osteoporosis, iron deficiency anemia, and postpartum depression; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding promotes the mother-infant bonding process, helping build a sense of security and trust between mother and child; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 observance of Breastfeeding Week helps raise awareness of breastfeeding as the healthy choice for feeding infants.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 1 - 7, 2015, as

BREASTFEEDING WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive effects of breastfeeding on the health and well-being of infants and mothers in the Palmetto State.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA