

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a crime against individuals that violates the most basic human rights of its victims and deprives them of every shred of personal freedom; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking in all its forms, including forced labor, sexual exploitation, involuntary servitude, and other types of mental and physical abuse, endangers the lives of millions of men, women, and children of all ages in the United States and countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of human trafficking, its signs, and its consequences is essential to eradicating this offense against humanity; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 observance of Human Trafficking Awareness Month helps educate the public about ways to identify and report possible cases of trafficking and the need to help victims return to a life of freedom in a world without fear.

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

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to put an end to this criminal activity and restore freedom and dignity to its victims.



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