

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina is home to over 912,429 citizens aged 60 and older; and

**WHEREAS,** helping all individuals maintain their health and independence in later life is a priority in the Palmetto State; and

**WHEREAS,** older South Carolinians play a vital role in transferring knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of the history of our community through their interactions with children, youth, and adults; and

**WHEREAS,** meaningful social interactions with family, friends, and neighbors across generations offer an opportunity for elders to share the fruits of their knowledge and experience, enriching the lives of everyone involved; and

**WHEREAS,** with the theme, "Never Too Old to Play!" the 2012 observance of Older Americans Month raises awareness of the importance of creating opportunities for older Americans to interact with people of different generations, providing services, technologies, and support systems that allow older adults to participate in social activities in the community, and emphasizing the value of including elders in public and family life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2012 as**

### OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor our seniors, recognize their many contributions, and engage with our older citizens through enjoyable social interactions such as sports, games, contests, and other forms of play.



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

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