

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, defined as a period of grief and mourning after the death of a loved one, bereavement is part of the normal process of reacting to a loss; and

WHEREAS, the death of a beloved spouse is a heartbreaking experience that often leaves survivors feeling lost, alone, and only half of the person they used to be; and

WHEREAS, in addition to navigating the grieving process, bereaved spouses can be left with additional challenges and financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, with an abundance of time and support from family, friends, and others who have lost their spouses, a new normalcy appears and days become easier for those grieving the death of their spouses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

BEREAVED SPOUSES MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the process of bereavement and look for ways to help ease the pain of surviving spouses while remembering and honoring the life of their loved ones.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

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