

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** preeclampsia, including HELLP syndrome and eclampsia, is a dangerous condition of pregnancy that can, in its most severe form, lead to maternal and/or infant mortality or premature birth with significant health risks for the mother and baby; and

**WHEREAS,** as many as 320,000 cases of preeclampsia are diagnosed in America every year, with approximately 25 percent resulting in severe, life-threatening consequences to a pregnant woman and her baby; and

**WHEREAS,** signs and symptoms of preeclampsia, HELLP syndrome, and eclampsia include spikes in maternal blood pressure, sudden swelling of face and hands, severe upper abdominal pain, blurred vision, persistent headaches, and breathlessness; and

**WHEREAS,** increasing public knowledge of these signs and symptoms can help women recognize the condition and seek appropriate medical care.

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

### PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of this condition in order to minimize maternal and infant illness and death due to preeclampsia.



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

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