

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** teen pregnancies have far-reaching consequences that adversely affect the health, education, and economic future of our young people; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2012, more than 5,500 girls between the ages of 15 and 19 gave birth in South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** between 1992 and 2012, teen birth rates in our state dropped by 47 percent; and
- WHEREAS,** teen birth rates in South Carolina decreased by 7 percent between 2011 and 2012, resulting in the lowest teen birth rate ever recorded in our state; and
- WHEREAS,** the progress South Carolina has made in reducing the incidence of teen childbearing saves taxpayers an estimated \$127 million each year; and
- WHEREAS,** Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month is an opportunity for parents, teens, educators, program providers, faith based organizations, local elected leaders, and state policymakers to join together to decrease teen pregnancy in South Carolina.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as**

### TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to reduce and prevent teen pregnancy for the future success of our young people.



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

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