

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, children's advocacy centers around South Carolina serve over 7,000 children annually, providing necessary investigative services, victim advocacy, medical evaluations, and mental health treatment services; and

WHEREAS, approximately 42 percent of the children seen at South Carolina's children's advocacy centers in 2014 were between the ages of six and twelve years, and approximately 38 percent were between the ages of newborn and six; and

WHEREAS, although neglect is the most common form of child maltreatment, victims also suffer year after year from physical abuse, sexual abuse, and other forms of child maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, children's advocacy centers seek to model, promote, and deliver excellence in best practice response to child abuse and prevention through service, education, and leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2015, as

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the valuable contributions of children's advocacy centers to the health and well-being of children and families throughout the Palmetto State.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA