

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, children's advocacy centers in the Palmetto State served over 8,100 children in 2015, providing necessary investigative services, victim advocacy, medical evaluations, and mental health treatment services; and

WHEREAS, approximately 27 percent of the children seen at South Carolina's children's advocacy centers in 2015 were twelve years old or younger; and

WHEREAS, although neglect is the most common form of child maltreatment, thousands of children in our state also suffer from physical abuse, sexual abuse, and other forms of child maltreatment, and 90 percent of child sexual abuse victims know their abuser; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2016, as

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER 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.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA