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Subject: Request for Governor Haley

Dear Mr. Soura,

Each year the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health of South Carolina organizes a rally at the Capitol on National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. This event is supported by the directors and staff of the child serving agencies and organizations of the SC Joint Council on Children and Adolescents, who serve many of the children with mental health challenges and their families. This year the rally will be held on Wednesday, May 8, at 11:00am on the North steps of the Capitol. Last week I spoke to John Magill, Director of the Department of Mental Health, who speaks at the rally each year. I asked if he thought there may be a possibility of Governor Haley attending and reading the Proclamation that she will sign designating May 5-11, 2013 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week in South Carolina (the Proclamation has already been requested). Mr. Magill suggested that I contact you to make that request. With the heightened awareness surrounding children's mental health in light of the Newtown tragedy we anticipate strong participation and media presence this year. It would be wonderful if Governor Haley's schedule would allow her to participate and show her support.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions in regard to the event agenda, time or other questions. We would also be happy to arrange the agenda to meet the needs of the Governors schedule.

Thank you,

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