

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, bicycles provide an economical form of transportation, recreation, and physical exercise; and
- WHEREAS, millions of Americans enjoy bicycling as a pleasant pastime while gaining the health benefits of a more active lifestyle; and
- WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 480,000 adults in South Carolina ride their bikes at least once a month; and
- WHEREAS, knowledge and understanding of bicycle safety issues, including injury prevention, the importance of laws and ordinances, bike maintenance and repair, and sharing the road with motorists, are necessary for bike riders of all ages and levels of experience; and
- WHEREAS, this May, events will be held across the Palmetto State to mark the observance of Bicycle Month including, on May 16, "The Ride of Silence," an international effort to honor those who have been killed or injured in automobile/bicycle collisions, raise awareness of bicycle and cyclists' rights, and promote the ideals of sharing our roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2012 as

BICYCLE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the benefits of riding a bike to the health, fitness, well-being, and improved quality of life of the people of the Palmetto State and to work together to raise awareness of bicycle safety issues.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA