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Dear Governor Haley:

I know that you are very aware that we all experience grief and loss on some level in our lives. However, there is not a lot of recognition and support of that fact in our society. Thus, a lot of people struggle and suffer alone. My passion and goal is to provide a period of time to recognize that experience and to build resources to support and provide them with hope and comfort.

I am including a Proclamation for *Grief Awareness Week* (November 1-7, 2015) in South Carolina. I know personally just how much you are aware and care about the issues and pains of the people of our state. I am requesting your signature in support of this Proclamation.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Karen Caulder

Bringing hope and comfort to those who grieve... one  at a time.

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**Whereas,** each year thousands of people die (or suffer a loss under different circumstances) in South Carolina, leaving behind countless family members, friends, and colleagues to adjust to a significant void in their lives: and

**Whereas,** grieving is a natural reaction and healthy response to death and other tragedy; and

**Whereas,** cultural and religious traditions, as well as individual and community mourning rituals, promote spiritual, emotional, physical and mental well-being following a tragic loss: and

**Whereas,** learning about the grieving process contributes to a more supportive and healing environment for those who are in mourning.

**Now, Therefore, I,** Nikki R Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 1 - 7, 2015, as

### **Grief Awareness Week**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the healing power of grieving and restoring hope following a tragic loss or the death of a loved one