

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, strong families are the foundation of our communities and our state, providing the love, support, and guidance our children need in order to succeed; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, there are thousands of young people who, for a variety of reasons, can no longer live securely in their own homes; and

WHEREAS, foster families throughout South Carolina and the nation open their homes and hearts with love and care, providing guidance and a safe, stable environment in which these children can grow and learn; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Heart Gallery is a unique partnership that enhances adoption opportunities for waiting foster children through the public display of professional portraits by local photographers; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Foster Care Month calls attention to the value of foster care as a temporary service that provides children and youth with a safe, stable, and nurturing foster family until permanence can be achieved; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care Month raises awareness of the need to retain, recruit, and support foster families and highlights the many ways citizens can get involved for children and families in South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as

FOSTER CARE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and honor foster families across the Palmetto State for their many contributions to the well-being of our children.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA