

# State of South Carolina

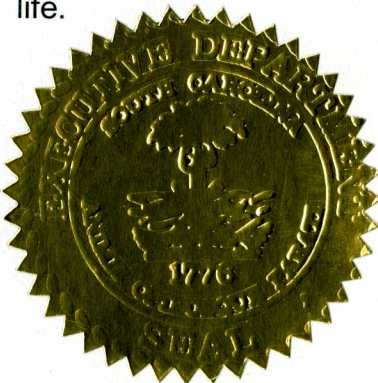
## Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** hospice care allows individuals with life-limiting illnesses to receive professional medical services, pain and symptom control, and emotional and spiritual support in their home of choice; and
- WHEREAS,** the more than ninety local hospice and palliative care organizations across South Carolina are staffed by skilled and compassionate professionals and volunteers, including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, and clergy, who provide comprehensive care while making the wishes of each patient a priority; and
- WHEREAS,** South Carolina hospices work collaboratively with State Medicaid to develop and provide pediatric palliative care for children confronting life-limiting illnesses and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** recognizing that our nation's veterans often have unique end-of-life needs, hospices throughout our state celebrate the heroism of these men and women who chose to live a life of honor, duty, and sacrifice in order to secure the freedoms we cherish; and
- WHEREAS,** counseling and bereavement care is available for family members and friends to help them cope with the losses faced during the illness and the grief experienced afterwards; and
- WHEREAS,** high-quality hospice care supports the right of every individual, regardless of age, health, or social status, to be treated with the utmost dignity, respect, and care.

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

### HOSPICE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to increase awareness of hospice services and recognize the professionals, volunteers, and family caregivers who take on the challenge of caring for patients at the end of life.



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

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**