

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** every child deserves the chance to live and grow in a loving, caring, and supportive home; and
- WHEREAS,** this year in South Carolina, 258 children have been placed in homes, 256 have been adopted, and 348 children are waiting for a family to provide stable and nurturing environments to help them achieve their full potential; and
- WHEREAS,** many of these children have special needs, including physical, mental, or emotional disabilities, age, or are members of a sibling group, that complicate placement in a permanent home; and
- WHEREAS,** families able and willing to adopt children with special needs are at the forefront of fulfilling our responsibility to one of our most vulnerable populations; and
- WHEREAS,** considering the needs of the children, these Hero Adoptive Families have looked beyond themselves to provide safe and thriving homes for children who had no family and who had no home.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2014 as**

ADOPTION MONTH

and November 16, 2014, as

HERO ADOPTIVE FAMILY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to consider becoming adoptive parents for the future well-being of the many children waiting for permanent families and to honor our Hero Adoptive Families who are enduring forever and making positive contributions to the well-being of our children and our communities.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA