

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** appropriate early learning standards are vital to quality education opportunities for the young children of South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** comprehensive community-based school readiness programs that work are essential to the future academic success of our youngest learners; and

**WHEREAS,** a broad coalition of school readiness partners, including business, faith, education, health, and nonprofit communities throughout the Palmetto State, is committed to strengthening quality public and private early education and child care choices for parents; and

**WHEREAS,** the incorporation of quality standards for all school readiness partners, public and private, promotes choice for families and more efficient use of resources while supporting the accountability of an effective early learning system in our state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 22 - 28, 2012, as**

### WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize that "Early Years Are Learning Years," and quality early childhood education opportunities can have a significant impact on the future success of our children.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

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