

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the mental health of our citizens is essential to the continued well-being and vitality of our families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, people with mental illnesses recover if given the necessary services and support in their communities; and

WHEREAS, while mental health issues can affect parents, siblings, co-workers - all of the people in an individual's life - only one out of two people with a serious form of mental illness seeks treatment; and

WHEREAS, stigma and fear of discrimination keep many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help; and

WHEREAS, greater public awareness about mental illnesses can help change negative attitudes and behaviors toward people with mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 observance of Mental Health Month will help raise awareness of mental health and the stigma people with mental illness face while delivering the message that, with proper treatment, recovery is possible.

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

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to increase understanding of mental illness and to raise awareness of the need for appropriate and accessible mental health services.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA