

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** each year, millions of Americans suffer the indignity of crime and, as a result, may experience emotional, physical, psychological, and financial harm; and

**WHEREAS,** since the beginning of the crime victims' rights movement, partnerships have formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, allied professionals, victim services, and the private sector to ensure that crime victims are treated with the fairness, dignity, and respect they deserve; and

**WHEREAS,** victim assistance organizations and crime victim advocates throughout South Carolina and the nation are dedicated to providing assistance, support, and comfort to victims while ensuring that their rights are protected; and

**WHEREAS,** individuals, neighborhoods, and communities across our state and nation gain strength and power by uniting against crime and for victims' rights and services; and

**WHEREAS,** with the theme, *Engaging Communities, Empowering Victims*, South Carolina Victims' Rights Week helps raise awareness of the importance of community involvement in a victim's journey to recovery.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 20 - 27, 2015, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure that victims are afforded their legal rights and provided with assistance as they cope with the financial, physical, and psychological impact of crime while celebrating criminal justice reforms and envisioning a future free from violence.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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