

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** our state's senior citizens are vital members of our families, our society, and our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** elder abuse, including neglect, exploitation, and physical or psychological abuse, is an under-recognized problem that affects hundreds of thousands of Americans each year; and

**WHEREAS,** financial exploitation results in approximately \$2.6 billion in annual losses for elder citizens in our country; and

**WHEREAS,** World Elder Abuse Awareness Day serves as a reminder of our shared responsibility to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of elder adults.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2014, as

### WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to end the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of our elders.



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

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