

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