

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects thousands of South Carolinians not only as victim survivors but also as family members, loved ones, friends, neighbors, or coworkers of a victim; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault is one of the most devastating crimes in our society today, with victims often suffering lifelong pain from physical injury and serious emotional trauma; and

WHEREAS, volunteers and service providers in our communities are dedicated to providing care to sexual assault survivors through 24-hour hotlines, counseling, support groups, advocacy, medical care, and education; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to sexual violence and educates the public and individuals on how to prevent, treat, and heal from this personal violation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to prevent sexual assault and ensure a life free from harm for the residents of the Palmetto State.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA