

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity through the systematic use of physical, sexual, and/or psychological assault or abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the Violence Policy Center, South Carolina is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation for the number of women killed by men; and

**WHEREAS,** the effects of domestic violence on children can be devastating, causing depression and psychological distress and raising the likelihood of physical violence among those who witness it; and

**WHEREAS,** Domestic Violence Awareness Month calls attention to the importance of working together to assure a life free from harm for all South Carolinians.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in the campaign to eliminate domestic violence while reaching out to its victims and letting them know that help is available.



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