

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** although often viewed as primarily affecting the elderly, stroke can occur in children and infants, as early as during birth or before, and is among the top ten causes of death in children in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** over half of the children and infants who have a stroke will suffer learning difficulties, long-term neurological disabilities including paralysis of one side of the body, seizures, and speech and vision problems, and face the possibility of ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

**WHEREAS,** the life-long health concerns and treatments caused by pediatric stroke result in heavy financial and emotional tolls on the child and the family; and

**WHEREAS,** very little is known about the cause, treatment, and prevention of pediatric stroke, and the risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults; and

**WHEREAS,** early diagnosis and treatment greatly improves the chances for recovery as well as the prevention of recurrence of pediatric stroke.

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

### **PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the need for continued research to determine the cause and develop effective treatment and prevention strategies for pediatric stroke.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

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