

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, youth violence, delinquency, and bullying are concerns at both local and national levels; and

WHEREAS, the Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program is an effective, evidence-based gang and violence prevention program built around school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curricula; and

WHEREAS, the G.R.E.A.T. Program offers a continuum of components for students and their families that focuses on providing life skills to help youth avoid bullying, delinquent behaviors, and violence to solve problems; and

WHEREAS, the G.R.E.A.T. Pledge, "I pledge to use my G.R.E.A.T. skills to reduce violence in my community, work to resolve conflicts peacefully, and stop bullying whenever I see it," effectively serves to remind students to use these life skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 19 - 23, 2015, as

CHOOSE TO BE G.R.E.A.T. WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to support the G.R.E.A.T. Program and all of our elementary and middle school students to sign the G.R.E.A.T. Pledge.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA