

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, as many as one in five children experience the death of a close relative or friend before the age of eighteen, and one in twenty children lose one or both parents by the age of fifteen; and

WHEREAS, while grief is a natural response to the loss of a loved one, children may have additional challenges such as feeling alone, misunderstood, and fearful; and

WHEREAS, through the support of caring individuals, including the acknowledgement of their feelings and listening to their thoughts, fears, and concerns, children can find the needed strength and understanding to navigate the grieving process; and

WHEREAS, Children's Grief Awareness Day calls attention to the impact of death and the benefits of support for children experiencing grief.

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

CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about children and grief and look for ways to provide the support they need to understand and cope with their loss.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
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