

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects adults and children in South Carolina 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 2011 observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month encourages people to learn more about sexual violence and how to prevent it as well as how to help survivors heal from this personal violation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2011 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA