

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, many of us take communication for granted, but illness or injury makes speaking and hearing a challenge for many adults and children; and

WHEREAS, by impairing communication, speech, language, and hearing disorders can limit academic achievement, social adjustment and career advancement; and

WHEREAS, audiologists and speech-language pathologists are professionals who specialize in the identification and treatment of communication disorders, conditions that affect millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, with early diagnosis and proper treatment, most people with communication disorders can lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Better hearing and Speech Month provides an opportunity to recognize audiologists and speech-language pathologists throughout South Carolina and the nation who are making a special effort to inform, educate, and raise public awareness of speech, language, and hearing disorders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as

BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure that people with speech, language, and hearing disorders have access to quality services to help them communicate effectively.



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