

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** according to the U.S. Department of Justice, an estimated 800,000 children are reported missing each year; and
- WHEREAS,** on average, approximately 2,000 children are reported missing to law-enforcement agencies daily; and
- WHEREAS,** 58,200 of these children are victims of non-family abductions and more than 200,000 are the victims of family abductions; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) exists as a resource to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation, help find missing children, and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them;
- WHEREAS,** Missing Children's Day is a time to remember those children who are missing and give hope to their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2013, as

MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to protect children in the Palmetto State and teach young people about child abduction and sexual exploitation, including how to respond and seek help from law enforcement, social services, and NCMEC.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA