

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, substance use disorders are a serious and treatable public health problem that affect millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds and have huge medical, societal, and economic costs; and

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and wellness, providing prevention techniques and effective treatment to help people recover; and

WHEREAS, educating our residents about the vital role of good behavioral health in the prevention and treatment of substance abuse disorders can help raise awareness of the necessity to seek assistance for these conditions and decrease the stigma and discrimination that can present obstacles to those who need access to treatment facilities as well as those who wish to reestablish their place in the community; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Join the Voices of Recovery: Speak Up, Reach Out," the 2014 observance of National Recovery Month calls attention to the benefits to be gained through open discussions of mental and substance use disorders and the reality of recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2014 as

### ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the achievement of those who seek to overcome the stigma and secure the benefits of substance abuse treatment and recovery.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA