

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, from purse-snatching and car-jacking to assault, kidnapping, and murder, women are at risk of becoming victims of crimes; and

WHEREAS, violent crimes violate an individual's privacy, damage their dignity, destroy their sense of security, inflict physical injury and, tragically, can lead to their deaths; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, approximately 30 percent of the violent crimes against women in South Carolina were committed by assailants unknown to the victims; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of the risk of being victimized and ways to prevent it can help strengthen and empower women, leading to increased personal safety and security.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2012 as

WOMENS SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in an effort to eliminate all violence while reaching out to victims and honoring those whose lives have been cut short.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA