

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** reading is a gateway to greater knowledge and understanding of the world around us; and

**WHEREAS,** a student's reading proficiency in third grade is a significant predictor of later performance, including the likelihood that he or she will graduate from high school on time; and

**WHEREAS,** for South Carolina's children to realize their dreams and potential, their parents and teachers must help them become proficient readers at an early age; and

**WHEREAS,** the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, the U.S. Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs, and countless other philanthropic and community-based organizations help children "March into Literacy" each year.

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

### MARCH INTO LITERACY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join in the celebration by sharing the joy of reading with their children and communities.



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

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**