

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, tragically, thousands of men, women, and children are victims of criminal homicide in the United States every year, each leaving behind loved ones for whom the pain of their loss will produce acute sorrow and bitter grief; and

WHEREAS, friends and family who have survived the murder of a loved one need emotional support to help them cope with the aftermath of the loss and facilitate the reconstruction of their lives; and

WHEREAS, support groups and organizations throughout South Carolina are dedicated to providing ongoing emotional support, individual assistance, advocacy, and information about the criminal justice system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2012, as

SOUTH CAROLINA DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR MURDER VICTIMS

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor the memory of murder victims in the Palmetto State while working to raise awareness of the many tragic ways a violent death affects the surviving family, friends, and loved ones.



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

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