

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** as uncompensated providers of quality care for loved ones of all ages struggling with extraordinary physical and mental needs, family caregivers represent one of South Carolina's most valuable resources; and

**WHEREAS,** due to the daily responsibility and intensive, often stressful, demands of ongoing care, these caregivers need support and a temporary break from caregiving; and

**WHEREAS,** respite, a short, temporary break from taking care of a physically or mentally dependent loved one, strengthens the ability of families to cope in times of crisis and enables them to be more active participants in their communities; and

**WHEREAS,** respite care services are a cost-effective alternative to institutionalization and have been shown to reduce illness in caregivers and help strengthen marriage and family stability.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2014, as**

### RESPIRE AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of respite to families caring for a loved one of any age with special physical and/or mental needs.



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

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