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## Gov. Nikki Haley Announces March Into Literacy Month

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – Governor Nikki Haley joined Representative Kenny Bingham and South Carolina Teacher of the Year Darlene Sutton today to announce a statewide proclamation designating the month of March as “March Into Literacy Month.”

The proclamation recognizes the importance of an early focus on literacy in childhood education as reading proficiency in the third grade is a significant indicator of later academic performance.

The governor’s proclamation also acknowledges the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, the U.S. Army’s Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, along with countless other philanthropic organizations that focus on childhood literacy.

Gov. Haley encourages all South Carolinians to participate by sharing the joy of reading with their children and communities.

*A copy of the governor’s proclamation and a picture of the event are attached.*

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