

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the mental health of our citizens is essential to the continued well-being and vitality of our families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, in South Carolina, one in four people have some type of mental illness, with approximately 5.5 percent of the adult population suffering from severe mental illness; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 200,000 South Carolinians have a severe long-term mental illness, such as schizophrenia, depression and bi-polar disorder; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 observance of Mental Health Month will help raise awareness of mental health, mental illnesses, and insurance discrimination against people with mental illness while delivering the message that, with proper treatment, recovery is possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as

### MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to increase understanding of mental illness and to raise awareness of the need for appropriate and accessible mental health services.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA