

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates a person's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity through the systematic use of physical, sexual, and/or psychological assault or abuse in order to exert control over that individual; and

WHEREAS, according to the Violence Policy Center, South Carolina is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation for the number of women killed by men, evidencing a culture of domestic violence that exists in our state; and

WHEREAS, the effects of domestic violence on children can be devastating, causing depression and psychological distress and raising the likelihood of physical violence among those who witness it and a continuation of the generational cycles of domestic abuse in the Palmetto State; and

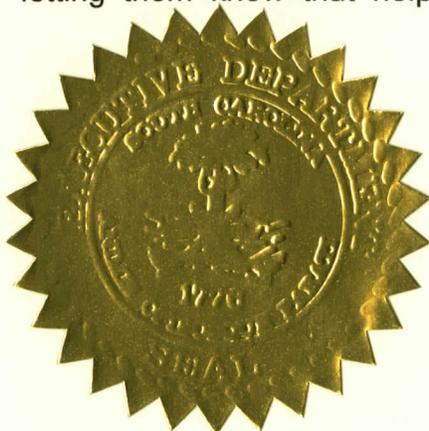
WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Task Force of South Carolina was established by Executive Order on January 29, 2015, to study and address the cultural issues surrounding domestic violence in our state; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month calls attention to the importance of working together to assure a life free from harm for all South Carolinians.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2015 as

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in the campaign to eliminate domestic violence while reaching out to its victims and letting them know that help is available.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA