

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the number of South Carolinians aged 85 years or older and most likely needing caregiving assistance will grow 101% from present day to the year 2032; and

WHEREAS, most older adults who need assistance with the activities of daily living want to remain in their homes and communities, an alternative that is generally much less expensive than nursing home care and less likely to require public assistance; and

WHEREAS, almost three-fourths of older people living in the community and receiving personal assistance rely exclusively on the approximately 770,000 adults in the state who provide care to relatives or friends at an estimated value of \$7 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, on a national level, 70% of people with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder live at home and need assistance with the activities of daily living; and

WHEREAS, in order to successfully address the surging population of older adults who have significant needs for long-term services and support, methods to encourage and support families to assist their aging relatives and ways to recruit and retain a qualified, responsive in-home care workforce must be developed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, support the South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health's Long Term Care Task Force's work to:

address the needs of family caregiving and long-term support and service; and

identify policies, resources, and programs available for family caregivers; and

compile an inventory of the resources available to family caregivers; and

by January 31, 2015, issue a report including recommendations for legislative and administrative action to support family caregivers.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA