

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** military and first responder families in communities across the state serve and sacrifice in support of their loved ones who risk their lives to defend our country, preserve the peace, protect our property, and save lives; and

**WHEREAS,** these hero families face special challenges and hardships in their daily lives, especially during times of deployment or emergency response and in the weeks leading up to or immediately following childbirth; and

**WHEREAS,** Red White & Babies was established to provide emotional, educational, and material support for expecting military wives who found themselves alone during their spouses' deployment and, due to the program's success and the generosity of companies around the world, has been expanded to include the Heroes Program to incorporate the community of first responders; and

**WHEREAS,** from cribs and mattresses to diapers, clothes, and personal care items, the biannual baby showers hosted by Red White & Babies Heroes Program provide the necessities and comfort items to help families navigate the challenges of a new baby or undue hardship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 23, 2016, as**

### RED WHITE & BABIES HEROES PROGRAM DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the valuable service the Red White & Babies Heroes Program provides to the families of our deployed military members and first responders and show your support and appreciation for these heroes



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