

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, infant mortality refers to the death of a baby under one year of age; and

WHEREAS, birth defects, premature birth, and low birth weight are among the leading causes of infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, quality health care before, during, and after pregnancy, along with avoidance of known risk factors, can help reduce the incidence of infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, working together to provide and improve quality health care for pregnant women and their families can help reduce the risk of infant death as well as racial disparities in birth outcomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2013 as

INFANT MORTALITY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to help raise awareness of infant mortality and its contributing factors.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA