

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a safe, loving, and stable family free from verbal, sexual, emotional, and physical abuse, exploitation, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse continues to be one of our nation's most serious public health problems, with the combined direct and indirect costs of child maltreatment in the millions; and

WHEREAS, children who are abused, neglected, or abandoned by their parents are at a significant risk of entering the foster care system or suffering from a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological, and behavioral challenges; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of child abuse and neglect is a community issue that depends on the involvement of all citizens and the promotion of healthy, nurturing relationships between children and adults; and

WHEREAS, effective research-proven child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships formed between families, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to protect the children of the Palmetto State by supporting our families and strengthening the communities in which we live.



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NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA