

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, defined as a period of grief and mourning after the death of a loved one, bereavement is part of the normal process of reacting to a loss; and

WHEREAS, the death of a child is one of the most traumatic and heartbreaking events experienced by parents; and

WHEREAS, while the death of a child signifies the end of a physical life and presence, bereaved parents feel a lifelong love and connection that merit the recognition, compassion, and concern of others; and

WHEREAS, with an abundance of time, support, love, faith, and prayers, days become brighter and life regains a sense of normalcy as the children who have passed before live on in the hearts and minds of their parents.

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

BEREAVED PARENTS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the process of bereavement for parents who have lost a child and look for ways to help ease the pain while remembering and honoring the life of their loved one.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA