

# 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.



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

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