

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** South Carolina has an abundance of natural resources, including old-growth forests, miles of pristine shoreline, rolling hills, and scenic mountains; and
- WHEREAS,** littering is illegal and is a crime against nature as well as the residents of the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS,** littering and illegal dumping cause contamination of soil and water, are harmful to wildlife, and add to the fuel load in fires; and
- WHEREAS,** littering can be a deterrent to tourism and economic development, detracting from commerce and real property values; and
- WHEREAS,** littering threatens community safety and decreases the overall quality of life of South Carolinians; and
- WHEREAS,** Zero Tolerance For Litter Awareness Month calls attention to the importance of preventing littering while promoting recycling, conservation, and the stewardship of public lands in order to help create cleaner environments, foster economic development, and change the behavior that causes litter.

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

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR LITTER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together this month and throughout the year for a cleaner community, state, and country.



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

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