

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, ensuring the mental health of our children is essential to their growth and development; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, an estimated 1 in 5 children and adolescents between the ages of 9 and 17 suffer from identifiable mental, emotional, or behavioral problems that require treatment; and

WHEREAS, the participation of family members in the assessment and treatment of children and adolescents with mental health disorders is integral to positive clinical outcomes; and

WHEREAS, learning to recognize the early warning signs of mental health problems and where to obtain necessary assistance and treatment gives children and adolescents better opportunities to lead full and productive lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 5 - 11, 2013, as

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the mental health needs of the children of the Palmetto State.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA