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**Subject:** Children's Mental Health Awareness Week Rally  
**Location:** North Steps, Statehouse  
**When:** 5/4/2016 11:00:00 AM - 11:10:00 AM

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**APPROVED BY:** NH on 4/4

**EVENT:** Children's Mental Health Awareness Week Rally

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 4, 2016

**TIME:** 11:00-11:10 AM

**LOCATION:** North Steps, Statehouse

**LOCATION SET-UP:** There will be a podium with a PA system and two large speakers.

**SCHEDULING CONTACT:**

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**PURPOSE:** Gov. Haley will attend the Children's Mental Health Awareness Week Rally on the North steps of the Statehouse to reach her proclamation declaring May 1-7, 2016 Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

**PRESS:** Yes.

**PUBLIC:** Yes.

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**LENGTH OF SPEAKING:** 5 minutes (reading the 2016 Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

proclamation)

**SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:**

11:00 am Welcome, Jenah Cason, Federation of Families of SC  
11:03 am Governor Nikki Haley, Presents SC Proclamation of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, 2016 Comments  
11:08 am Governor Haley Departs  
11:08 am Senator Michael L. Fair  
11:13 am Senator C. Bradley Hutto  
11:18 am Introduction of Joint Council Leadership  
Bob Toomey, Director, DAODAS—Represented by 2016 Chair, Joint Council for Children and Adolescents  
Christian Soura, Director, SC DHHS—Represented by Dr. Pete Liggett, Deputy Director of Long Term Care and Behavioral Health Services  
John H. Magill, Director, SC DMH  
Sylvia Murray, Director, SC DJJ—Represented by Elizabeth Hill, General Counsel  
Trina Cornelison, Director, Office of the Governor, Continuum of Care  
Dr. Beverly A. H. Buscemi, Director, SC DDSN  
11:22 am Trina Cornelison, Director, Office of the Governor, Continuum of Care  
11:27 am John H. Magill, Director, SC DMH  
11:37 am Dr. Pete Liggett, Deputy Director of Long Term Care and Behavioral Health Services  
11:42 am Sylvia Jones, Parent Story  
11:47 am Sonny Cheeks, Youth Story  
11:52 am Close, Jenah Cason

**SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:**

**PROCLAMATION WORDING:**

**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 1 - 7, 2016, 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.