

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, commonly known as the Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 enacted a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, familial status, or handicap; and

WHEREAS, 2012 marks the 44th anniversary of this landmark legislation that has helped countless people achieve the American dream of obtaining safe, decent, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, despite great strides in opening housing markets to underserved groups, housing discrimination unfortunately still exists, with groups protected under the Fair Housing Act often falling victim to unscrupulous lending practices; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Creating Equal Opportunity in Every Community," the 2012 observance of Fair Housing Month calls attention to the importance of eliminating housing discrimination and ensuring access to neighborhoods of opportunity for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure fair housing opportunities for residents throughout the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA