

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care allow individuals with serious and life-limiting illness to receive professional medical services, including pain and symptom control, in their home of choice; and

WHEREAS, local hospice and palliative care organizations across South Carolina are staffed by interdisciplinary teams of skilled and compassionate professionals and volunteers, including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, spiritual care providers, and others, who make the wishes of each patient a priority; and

WHEREAS, counseling and bereavement care are available for family members and friends to help them cope during this time of loss and grief; and

WHEREAS, through pain management, symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, high-quality hospice and palliative care supports the right of every individual to live fully up until the final moments surrounded and supported by family, friends, and committed caregivers who treat them with the utmost dignity and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2016 as

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to increase awareness of hospice and palliative care services and recognize the professionals, volunteers, and family caregivers who take on the challenge of caring for patients at the end of life.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA