

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 25 million Americans are living with bladder control problems including urgency urinary incontinence, stress urinary incontinence, mixed incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, nocturia, and nocturnal enuresis; and

WHEREAS, because age is a risk factor for bladder control problems, the prevalence of incontinence is likely to grow with the aging baby boomer generation; and

WHEREAS, urinary incontinence is a risk factor for falling, the leading cause of injury, death, and hospital admissions for traumatic injuries among older adults; and

WHEREAS, it has been shown that urinary incontinence is treatable and, in some cases, cost-effective interventions, such as management of medications, pelvic muscle exercises, and changes in diet, can significantly improve patient outcomes and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 12 - 16, 2012, as

### BLADDER HEALTH WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness and encourage treatment and prevention of urinary incontinence.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA