

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, based on her observations of children and the manner by which they learn, Dr. Maria Montessori developed an innovative philosophy of education in the early 1900's that continues to influence learning across our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the Montessori program, a system for the education of children from birth through the age of eighteen, uses materials, techniques and observations that support students' natural development, encourage their learning, independence and self-confidence, and advance the principles of peace through responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Montessori Method includes developmental teaching, one-to-one lessons and the promotion of respect among the children and peace to humankind.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 28 - March 4, 2011, as

### MONTESSORI EDUCATION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the valuable contributions made by Montessori schools to students in the Palmetto State.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA