

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** community health centers provide affordable, quality health care to millions of people across our state and nation; and

**WHEREAS,** each year, over 324,000 individuals receive patient-focused, coordinated health care services, including preventative and primary medical and dental care, case management and behavioral services, prenatal and postnatal care, and help with fitness and healthier eating, from community-based facilities across the Palmetto State; and

**WHEREAS,** community health centers deliver high-quality, cost-effective, and affordable health care to medically underserved people and localities; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to contributing to improved health in our communities, these facilities help lower the cost of health care by reducing inappropriate emergency room and hospital utilization.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 11 - 17, 2013, as**

### **SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTH CENTER WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the important contributions of health centers in safeguarding the health and improving the quality of life for the residents of the Palmetto State.



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

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**