

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** strong families are the foundation of our communities and our state, providing the love, support and guidance our children need in order to succeed; and

**WHEREAS,** unfortunately, there are thousands of young people who, for a variety of reasons, can no longer live securely in their own homes; and

**WHEREAS,** foster families throughout South Carolina and the nation open their homes and hearts with love and care, providing guidance and a safe, stable environment in which these children can grow and learn; and

**WHEREAS,** the annual observance of Foster Care Month calls attention to the value of foster care as a temporary service that provides children and youth with a safe, stable and nurturing foster family until permanence can be achieved.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as

### FOSTER CARE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and honor foster families across the Palmetto State for their many contributions to the well-being of our children.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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