

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, pregnancy is a time of excitement and expectation as parents prepare for the arrival of their baby; and

WHEREAS, tragically, as many as one million pregnancies in the United States each year end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of an infant or newborn; and

WHEREAS, the loss of a child, whether born or unborn, is a traumatic and heartbreaking event for families who recognize that even the shortest of lives are valuable; and

WHEREAS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month calls attention to the need to recognize the grief and honor the courage of families who have lost an unborn or newborn child.

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

### PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

and October 15, 2016, as

### PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to remember the children lost during pregnancy or as infants and their families.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA