

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** each year, millions of Americans suffer the indignity of crime and, as a result, may experience emotional, physical, psychological, and financial harm; and
- WHEREAS,** since the beginning of the crime victims' rights movement, partnerships have formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, allied professionals, victim services, and the private sector to ensure that crime victims are treated with the fairness, dignity, and respect they deserve; and
- WHEREAS,** victim assistance organizations and crime victim advocates throughout South Carolina and the nation are dedicated to providing assistance, support, and comfort to victims while ensuring that their rights are protected; and
- WHEREAS,** individuals, neighborhoods, and communities across our state and nation gain strength and power by uniting against crime and for victims' rights and services; and
- WHEREAS,** with the theme, "Extending the Vision," the 2012 Crime Victims' Rights Week raises awareness of the vital importance of enforcing victims' rights on all levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 29 - May 5, 2012, as

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure that victims are afforded their legal rights and provided with assistance as they cope with the financial, physical, and psychological impact of crime while celebrating criminal justice reforms and envisioning a future free from violence.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA