

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, ultraviolet light is electromagnetic radiation that is invisible to the human eye; and

WHEREAS, during the summer months, the level of ultraviolet radiation is three times greater than in the winter, and sunlight reflected off of water, snow and pavement is intensified, making it more dangerous; and

WHEREAS, ultraviolet rays may cause vision problems including macular degeneration, skin cancer around the eyelids, photokeratitis or corneal sunburn, and an estimated twenty percent of cataracts; and

WHEREAS, each year, over three million people lose their eyesight due to eye conditions caused by prolonged ultraviolet exposure.

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

### ULTRAVIOLET AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the dangerous effects of ultraviolet radiation on our vision and to take steps to protect their eyes from exposure to the harmful rays.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA