

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, grief is a natural and healthy response to the death of a loved one or the loss of something an individual holds dear or treasures; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of South Carolinians die each year, leaving behind countless family members, friends, and loved ones to cope with the void in their lives; and

WHEREAS, grief resulting from disasters or the death of a friend, colleague, or pet is often unrecognized and unacknowledged by others and, therefore, experienced without a network of support; and

WHEREAS, cultural traditions, religious rituals, and individual, family, and community mourning practices, along with knowledge and understanding of the grieving process, contribute to a healing environment and improved mental and physical well-being following a tragic loss.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 1-7, 2015, as

GRIEF AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the grieving process and healing following tragic loss or the death of a loved one.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA