

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** behavioral health is an essential part of health and an individual's overall wellness; and

**WHEREAS,** prevention of substance use and mental health disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in South Carolina and around the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** relatives and friends of people with substance use and/or mental health disorders should be encouraged to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

**WHEREAS,** each year, approximately 50,000 individuals receive intervention or treatment services through the state's county alcohol and drug abuse authorities, and 100,000 patients receive services through the state's public mental health system; and

**WHEREAS,** an estimated 530,000 people in the Palmetto State would benefit from treatment for substance use and/or mental health disorders; and

**WHEREAS,** the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services is joining with other behavioral health agencies across the state to invite our residents to participate in Recovery Month in an effort to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2015 as

### RECOVERY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join the voices for recovery and help build stronger, healthier communities.



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