

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the crime of domestic violence violates a person's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity through the systematic use of physical, sexual, and/or psychological assault or abuse in order to exert control over that individual; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the Violence Policy Center, South Carolina is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for the number of women killed by men; and

**WHEREAS,** the effects of domestic violence on children, including over 6500 South Carolina young people that entered domestic violence programs for the first time in 2012, can be devastating, causing depression and psychological distress and raising the likelihood of physical violence among those who witness it; and

**WHEREAS,** Domestic Violence Awareness Month calls attention to the importance of working together to assure a life free from harm for all South Carolinians.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2014 as

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in the campaign to eliminate domestic violence while reaching out to its victims and letting them know that help is available.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

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