State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, as uncompensated providers of quality care for loved ones of all ages who have extraordinary physical and mental needs, family caregivers represent one of South Carolina's most valuable resources; and

WHEREAS, due to the daily responsibility and intensive, often stressful, demands of ongoing care, these caregivers need support and a temporary break from caregiving; and

WHEREAS, respite, a short, temporary break from taking care of a physically or mentally dependent loved one, strengthens the ability of families to cope in times of crisis and enables them to be more active participants in their communities; and

WHEREAS, lifespan respite care services are a cost-effective alternative to institutionalization and have been shown to reduce illness in caregivers and help strengthen marriage and family stability.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 8 - 14, 2016, as

RESPITE AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of respite to families caring for a loved one of any age with special physical and/or mental needs.

NIKKI R. HALEY
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