WHEREAS, the ability to search, locate, decipher, and analyze different forms of information is a key component in effective decision-making across all fields of interest; and

WHEREAS, individuals who are able to make efficient and effective use of informational resources available in a digital world are better prepared to seek skilled jobs and compete at high levels in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, information literacy as taught in schools, libraries, and other educational institutions is a crucial part of education and will expose students to analytic and research practices that will better prepare them for rapidly changing technologies; and

WHEREAS, Information Literacy Month raises awareness of the importance of information literacy for economic prosperity, social cohesion, the success of the democratic process, educational opportunity, and an enhanced quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as

INFORMATION LITERACY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to increase information literacy among the residents of the Palmetto State.