

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has a vital interest in promoting and establishing healthy behaviors in our adolescent population; and

WHEREAS, the leading causes of death and disability among adolescents are related to preventable health risk behaviors including alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, unhealthy dietary behaviors, sedentary lifestyles, unsafe sexual behaviors, injury, and violence; and

WHEREAS, the health risk behaviors adopted during adolescence help determine their current health status as well as their risk for developing chronic diseases in adulthood, such as heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Health Education Week theme, "Adolescent Health: Planting Seeds for a Healthier Generation," recognizes that the health and safety of adolescents are influenced at the individual, peer, family, school, community, and societal levels; and

WHEREAS, health education specialists are employed in a variety of roles in public and private settings and are focused on promoting, maintaining, and improving the quality of life for all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 15 - 19, 2012, as

HEALTH EDUCATION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together toward a comprehensive approach to improve adolescent health.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA