

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** our children are our greatest treasure, and they depend on parents, guardians, and other caretakers to keep them safe and secure; and

**WHEREAS,** motor vehicle accidents are a leading cause of injury fatalities for children between the ages of 0 and 19; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2013, there were more than 18,000 injuries from motor vehicle crashes in children aged 17 and under that resulted in a trip to the emergency room or a hospital stay; and

**WHEREAS,** when installed and used correctly, child safety seats and safety belts can prevent injuries and save lives, reducing fatal injury by up to 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers between the ages of 1 and 4; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 900 volunteer child passenger safety technicians across the Palmetto State ensure car seats and booster seats are installed properly to help keep children safe on our roadways.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 12 - 19, 2015, as

### CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to help reduce injuries and the tragic loss of life by properly buckling up every child every time.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

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