State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina is home to over 912,429 citizens aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, helping all individuals maintain their health and independence in later life is a priority in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, older South Carolinians play a vital role in transferring knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of the history of our community through their interactions with children, youth, and adults; and

WHEREAS, meaningful social interactions with family, friends, and neighbors across generations offer an opportunity for elders to share the fruits of their knowledge and experience, enriching the lives of everyone involved; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Never Too Old to Play!" the 2012 observance of Older Americans Month raises awareness of the importance of creating opportunities for older Americans to interact with people of different generations, providing services, technologies, and support systems that allow older adults to participate in social activities in the community, and emphasizing the value of including elders in public and family life.

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

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor our seniors, recognize their many contributions, and engage with our older citizens through enjoyable social interactions such as sports, games, contests, and other forms of play.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA