

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 770,000 adults in South Carolina provide millions of hours of unpaid care to chronically ill, disabled, and elderly family members and friends each year, enabling loved ones to remain in their homes where they can stay active, participate more fully in the community, and maintain their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, most older adults who need daily assistance want to remain in their homes and communities, an alternative that is generally less expensive than nursing home care and less likely to require public assistance; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers provide care and assistance with the activities of daily life at great cost to their own physical, financial, and emotional health; and

WHEREAS, one in four adults in South Carolina are family caregivers, juggling everyday life tasks such as preparing the children for school, managing household responsibilities, and working full or part time as well as serving as a vital member of the care team with the responsibility of advocating for their loved ones and making decisions that lead to best care outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Family Caregiver Month provides an opportunity to honor our family caregivers while raising awareness of the support, encouragement and respite they need to carry out their vital responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2024 as

FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize, support, and celebrate the valuable role family caregivers across the Palmetto State play in the lives of our residents.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry D. McMaster".

HENRY DARGAN McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA