

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, an educated, informed, and participatory electorate forms the cornerstone of our representative democracy and serves as a vital source of governmental accountability; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2.8 million South Carolinians are currently registered to vote while an additional 600,000 residents are eligible but have not registered; and

WHEREAS, because voting is an exercise of citizens' rights and responsibilities that makes our country work, all eligible citizens of the Palmetto State should be encouraged to register to vote and every opportunity should be taken to enable them to do so; and

WHEREAS, November 6, 2012, is Election Day across South Carolina and the nation, with citizens casting their votes for President and Vice President, members of the United States Congress, members of the South Carolina General Assembly, state and local officials, an amendment to our State Constitution, and local issues; and

WHEREAS, more than 18,000 poll workers and other election officials throughout the State are making preparations to ensure a smooth Election Day voting process; and

WHEREAS, October 6, 2012, is the last day to register and be eligible to vote in the 2012 General Election; and

WHEREAS, in South Carolina: Every Vote Matters. Every Vote Counts.

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

VOTER EDUCATION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all eligible South Carolinians to register to vote, to educate themselves regarding the candidates and questions, and to exercise their most basic democratic right by participating in all elections.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA