

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, youth violence, the intentional use of power, threats, or physical force to intimidate, frighten, or harm others, is a serious issue in schools, neighborhoods, and communities across our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, from bullying and physical fights to threats with weapons and gang violence, youth violence has widespread negative impacts that extend beyond the victim and offender to affect witnesses, friends, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, multiple factors, which may include an individual's character traits, life experiences, personal relationships, academic performance, and physical environment, can contribute to the development of youth violence; and

WHEREAS, by working together, students, parents, educators, volunteers, and community leaders may help reduce youth violence through programs that promote peer acceptance and leadership skills, mentoring and improved academic achievement, anger and conflict management, and supervised afterschool activities and safe neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 8 - 12, 2019, as

YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to reduce and prevent youth violence.



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HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA