

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Centers in the Palmetto State served 8,551 children in 2017, providing necessary investigative services, victim advocacy, medical evaluations, and mental health treatment services; and

WHEREAS, approximately 77 percent of the children seen at South Carolina's Children's Advocacy Centers in 2017 were twelve years old or younger; and

WHEREAS, although neglect is the most common form of child maltreatment, thousands of children in South Carolina also suffer from sexual abuse, physical abuse, and other forms of child maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of child sexual abuse victims know their abuser; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Advocacy Centers model, promote, and deliver excellence in best practice response to child abuse and prevention through direct service, education, collaboration, and leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 10, 2018, as

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the valuable contributions that Children's Advocacy Centers make to protect children and enhance the response to child abuse.



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

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA