

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, early intervention professionals, including early interventionists, speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and service coordinators are the primary providers of federal and state funded services for thousands of children with developmental delays; and

WHEREAS, BabyNet and the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs provide early intervention services to over 11,000 infants and young children through private and county providers in every county in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, partnerships between stakeholders help ensure the continuation of early intervention services that enhance development and promote the health and well-being of South Carolina's children and their families; and

WHEREAS, early intervention providers offer coaching support and services to families with children, from birth to age five, with developmental delays and disabilities, building upon the natural learning opportunities that occur within the daily routines of a child and their family as well as support children and their families and enhance the opportunity for them to reach their greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, early intervention mitigates the factors that place children at risk of poor outcomes and provides economic gains by investing in young children and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 24 - 28, 2023, as

EARLY INTERVENTION PROFESSIONALS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor our early intervention professionals for their dedication, compassion, integrity, and contributions that enhance the quality of life for South Carolina children and their families.



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

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA