

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, diabetes is an incurable disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a vital hormone in the conversion of sugar, starches, and other food into energy; and

WHEREAS, affecting approximately 800,000 South Carolinians, many of whom remain undiagnosed, diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, type 1 diabetes is one of the most common autoimmune diseases to affect people of all ages, including toddlers and babies, while the incidence of type 2 diabetes, once thought of as a disease affecting adults only, is quickly growing among children and adolescents; and

WHEREAS, between 25 and 50 percent of people with diabetes do not know they have this disease which, left undiagnosed and untreated, can cause serious and costly complications including heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, blindness, and lower-limb amputation; and

WHEREAS, treatments used to manage diabetes, including maintaining a healthy weight through diet and exercise, have also been shown to help prevent the development of the disease; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina Diabetes Day helps call attention to the importance of prevention, diagnosis, and management of all types of diabetes in the Palmetto State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2015, as

SOUTH CAROLINA DIABETES DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about diabetes and its warning signs and to make healthy choices in order to manage or help reduce their risk of developing this disease.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in cursive script.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA