

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease that causes heightened immunity, resulting in damage to the body's own tissues due to overreaction by a person's immune system; and

**WHEREAS,** sarcoidosis strikes people of all ages and can affect almost any organ in the body; and

**WHEREAS,** while for most people, sarcoidosis resolves on its own with no lasting consequences, the condition can be chronic in others, leading to complications in affected organs including abnormal heart rhythms, lung damage, kidney failure, blindness, and facial paralysis; and

**WHEREAS,** the cause of sarcoidosis is unknown; and

**WHEREAS,** continuing research can help to bring us closer to a cure while contributing to the development of improved treatment options that enhance the quality of life for people affected by sarcoidosis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as**

### **SARCOIDOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness and understanding of this disease.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**