

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** osteopathic medicine is a distinct form of medical practice in the United States that treats patients with modern medical therapies and an additional hands-on system of therapy known as osteopathic manipulative medicine; and

**WHEREAS,** osteopathic physicians (DOs) are fully-licensed to prescribe medicine and practice in all specialty areas of medicine, including family medicine, surgery, and obstetrics; and

**WHEREAS,** DOs are trained to consider the health for the whole person and use special manipulative techniques to help diagnose and treat their patients; and

**WHEREAS,** one of the primary goals of osteopathic medicine is to teach patients how to prevent illness and injury by maintaining a healthy lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS,** recognizing the impact that lifestyle and community have on the health of each individual, South Carolina's more than 500 osteopathic physicians are dedicated to improving the health of their patients through education and awareness-based efforts as well as by delivering quality healthcare services.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 15 - 21, 2012, as

### OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize osteopathic physicians for their commitment to the health and well-being of our residents.



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

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