

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** heart disease is the leading cause of death among women, yet only 1 in 5 American women believes that heart disease is her greatest health threat; and
- WHEREAS,** cardiovascular diseases cause 1 in 3 women's deaths each year, killing approximately 1 woman every minute; and
- WHEREAS,** an estimated 43 million women in the United States are affected by cardiovascular diseases, and 90 percent of women have 1 or more risk factors for developing heart disease; and
- WHEREAS,** women comprise only 24 percent of participants in all heart-related studies; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease, and the gap between men and women's survival continues to widen; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2003, the American Heart Association and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, along with other organizations, started National Wear Red Day® to raise awareness of the critical issue of heart disease in women; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Heart Association also created the Go Red For Women® initiative in 2004 to empower women to take charge of their heart health and join together to end cardiovascular disease.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 5, 2013, as**

GO RED FOR WOMEN DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to wear the color red to commemorate this day and show their support for women and the fight against heart disease and stroke.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA