

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** diabetes is a metabolic disease that causes high blood sugar levels due to the body's inadequate production of or improper response to insulin, a hormone that facilitates the movement of glucose into cells to satisfy energy and growth requirements; and

**WHEREAS,** over 25 million Americans, including 450,000 South Carolinians, are affected by diabetes, yet approximately 7 million people have not been diagnosed and are unaware that they have the disease; and

**WHEREAS,** diabetes is the 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in our state, contributing to more than 3,000 deaths each year; and

**WHEREAS,** while there is no cure for diabetes, treatment options help manage the disease while research continues into the cause, treatment alternatives, and cure of this deadly disease; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tour de Cure bike ride is a unique way to raise awareness of the continuing need for diabetes research while enjoying the beautiful springtime in the Midlands of the Palmetto State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2014, as**

### **SOUTH CAROLINA TOUR DE CURE DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together to raise awareness of diabetes, to recognize the thousands of people who are affected by it, and to remember those who have lost their lives to this deadly disease.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

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