

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and

**WHEREAS,** it is estimated that at least 1.5 million young women, men, and children in America suffer from lupus, the majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 16,000 new cases of this disease are reported across the country each year; and

**WHEREAS,** the most common symptoms of lupus, including extreme fatigue, headaches, painful or swollen joints, anemia, and hair loss, can mimic numerous other diseases, and a lack of awareness of the symptoms and health effects of lupus lead many people to suffer several years before obtaining a correct diagnosis and medical treatment.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2012, as

### LUPUS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote continued research into the causes of and a cure for this chronic, debilitating disease and to offer support to the individuals and families it affects.



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

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