

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Lynch syndrome is a hereditary condition that predisposes individuals, often at a younger than average age, to a high lifetime risk of a litany of cancers; and

**WHEREAS,** 600,000 to 1,000,000 people in the United States are projected to have Lynch syndrome; however, less than 10 percent are currently diagnosed; and

**WHEREAS,** assessment of family medical history of cancers and universal testing of colorectal and uterine tumors for characteristics of Lynch syndrome may prompt genetic testing that can identify high risk individuals; and

**WHEREAS,** regular cancer screenings of individuals with a positive genetic test can help detect cancers before they become life threatening; and

**WHEREAS,** increasing public awareness of Lynch syndrome can help improve the health and well-being of people in the Palmetto State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2013, as**

### LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about their family histories of cancer and to discuss it with their physicians in order to help save lives from hereditary cancers.



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

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