

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, respiratory care is recognized as one of the most vital and progressive segments of the healthcare delivery system; and

WHEREAS, respiratory therapists across the Palmetto State are making important contributions to the delivery of quality health care; and

WHEREAS, respiratory therapists are involved with therapeutic and life-sustaining cardiopulmonary care to patients suffering from lung disease; and

WHEREAS, respiratory therapy includes managing ventilators in the ICU, performing pulmonary function tests used to diagnose lung disease, and delivering respiratory care in hospitals, emergency departments, and homecare settings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 23-29, 2011 as

### RESPIRATORY THERAPIST WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the vital role respiratory therapists play in the delivery of quality health care.



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NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA