

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** asthma is a chronic, potentially life threatening lung disease that affects millions of Americans of all ages; and

**WHEREAS,** asthma is a leading cause of childhood hospitalizations, long-term illness, and school absenteeism, accounting for millions of missed school days each year; and

**WHEREAS,** exposure to allergens and irritants can trigger an asthma attack, constricting the airways of the lungs and causing wheezing, breathlessness, tightness of the chest, and coughing; and

**WHEREAS,** while there is no cure for asthma, with proper medications and treatment the disease can be almost completely controlled.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as**

### ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH

and May 6, 2015, as

### WORLD ASTHMA DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the signs, symptoms, and treatment options for asthma in an effort to improve the quality of life for those individuals it affects.



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

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