

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a sudden, severe allergic reaction involving major organs in the body simultaneously that can result in death; and

WHEREAS, food allergies affect millions of Americans, cause thousands of emergency room visits each year and, tragically, can prove fatal to individuals who suffer food-induced anaphylaxis by unknowingly eating a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

WHEREAS, 8 foods cause 90 percent of all food allergy reactions, with symptoms including hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for food allergy, making strict avoidance of the offending food the only way to prevent an allergic reaction; and

WHEREAS, educating restaurants, schools, and the general public about the serious and potentially life-threatening nature of food allergies can reduce the chances of severe reaction and death.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 13 - 19, 2012, as

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA