

# 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.



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

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