

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** pharmacy is one of the oldest of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and
- WHEREAS,** counted among the most accessible healthcare providers, pharmacists play a pivotal role by providing expert advice and close attention to help ensure patients are well informed and safely using prescription and over-the-counter medications; and
- WHEREAS,** today's advancements in medication therapies require greater attention by pharmacists to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups, both clinically and demographically; and
- WHEREAS,** consumers of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, should be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and
- WHEREAS,** with their education, focus, and level of expertise, pharmacists are ideally suited to work collaboratively with patients and other healthcare providers to improve medication use and outcomes by providing services through medication therapy management; and
- WHEREAS,** pharmacists play a crucial role in providing accessibility to medications that are not self-administered such as, but not limited to, immunizations; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2016 observance of Pharmacists Month helps raise awareness of the important role pharmacists play in the safe use of medication.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as**

PHARMACISTS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our pharmacists for their commitment to providing safe, affordable, and beneficial pharmaceutical care services and products to the residents of the Palmetto State.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA