

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** fibroids are benign growths that develop from muscle tissue of the uterus; and

**WHEREAS,** while they can develop at any age, fibroids are most common in women 30 to 40 years of age; and

**WHEREAS,** fibroids can have several underlying causes including hormones, pregnancy, and family history; and

**WHEREAS,** treatment protocols with positive outcomes exist and are generally developed based on the individual's age, health, and the size of the fibroids and may involve surgery or minimally invasive procedures to remove the fibroids or medications to manage symptoms.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 2016 as

### FIBROID AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to help raise awareness of this condition and the need for continued research into its causes and effective treatments.



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

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