

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, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, the use of medication is becoming a major force in the management of overall healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, today's powerful medications require greater attention 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 2015 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 2015 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.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA