

# 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".

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