

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, dedicated healthcare professionals across the Palmetto State are committed to reducing the risk of healthcare-associated infections and safeguarding the safety of patients and providers; and

WHEREAS, each year, millions of Americans undergo medical treatments and procedures that carry a risk of preventable infection; and

WHEREAS, infection preventionists partner with other healthcare professionals to ensure proper cleaning and protection practices are followed; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, *Spread the Word, Not Germs*, the 2015 observance of Infection Prevention Week helps raise awareness of the importance of hand hygiene for healthcare workers, patients, and the public while recognizing the important contributions of infection preventionists.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 18-24, 2015, as

INFECTION PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about preventing infection and safe healthcare practices.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA