

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** multiple myeloma is a relatively uncommon cancer that causes a highly-elevated number of plasma cells in the bone marrow and interferes with the normal activity and levels of other cells in the body; and
- WHEREAS,** the overgrowth of plasma cells results in reduced production of normal blood-forming cells and can lead to anemia, increased bleeding and bruising, and problems fighting infections; and
- WHEREAS,** myeloma cells interfere with cells that maintain bone health and strength and, instead of producing antibodies that effectively fight infection, these cells make an antibody that can lead to damage or failure of the kidneys; and
- WHEREAS,** while there is no cure or definitive cause for multiple myeloma, and early detection is difficult, available treatment options can help improve patient outcomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 28, 2014, as

MULTIPLE MYELOMA AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of multiple myeloma and the need for improved diagnosis and treatment options.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA