

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** millions of Americans suffer from chronic pain caused by various diseases and disorders with millions more experiencing acute pain as a result of injury or surgery each year; and

**WHEREAS,** pain takes an economic toll on our country, costing billions of dollars each year in medical expenses, lost wages, reduced productivity, and other costs; and

**WHEREAS,** good pain management is an important patient right at any stage of a disease process; and

**WHEREAS,** improved pain management education and an effective multidisciplinary treatment approach can help reduce suffering and remove barriers to pain-free living.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2015 as**

### **PAIN AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about pain and effective pain management techniques.



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

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