

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, sleep apnea is a common disorder characterized by repeated episodes of interrupted or shallow breathing during sleep; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that millions of adult Americans are affected by sleep apnea, yet the majority remain undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, sleep apnea can be a complicating factor in the administration of general anesthesia during surgery; and

WHEREAS, healthcare providers utilize sleep studies and the information they generate to diagnose sleep apnea and other sleep disorders; and

WHEREAS, while positive airway pressure machines are the most common treatment for sleep apnea, other treatment protocols are available for individuals affected by the disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 1 - 7, 2016, as

SLEEP APNEA AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about sleep apnea and the treatments available.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA