

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** cystic fibrosis (CF) is a systemic genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States, 381 of whom live in the Palmetto State; and

**WHEREAS,** CF is characterized by an abnormally thick, sticky mucus that blocks small tubes and ducts in the respiratory, digestive, and reproduction systems, leading to chronic infections, malnutrition, and progressive lung damage; and

**WHEREAS,** infant blood screening is the most reliable and least costly method to identify persons likely to have CF; and

**WHEREAS,** early diagnosis and improved treatments, including diet, respiratory therapies, and medication, enhance the quality of life and longevity of individuals with CF.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as

### CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of this disease and recognize the individuals and families it affects.



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

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