

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