

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** it is estimated that 2,000 new cases of male breast cancer will be diagnosed this year, and approximately 400 men will die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS,** male breast cancer most often occurs in men between the ages of 60 and 70, and risk factors include a family history of breast cancer, exposure to radiation, and having high levels of estrogen, which is associated with conditions including cirrhosis of the liver and obesity; and

**WHEREAS,** the misconception that breast cancer only affects women may delay diagnosis of the disease in men until it has reached a later stage where it is less likely to be cured; and

**WHEREAS,** increasing public awareness and understanding of male breast cancer can contribute to earlier detection and treatment that are critical for achieving more successful patient outcomes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 21 - 27, 2012, as**

### **MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to learn more about male breast cancer and to offer support to those who are currently fighting this disease.



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

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