

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society, originally named the American Society for the Control of Cancer, was established in 1913; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Field Army started raising money and educating the public about cancer in 1937; and

WHEREAS, in 1944, the American Cancer Society prioritized funding cancer research and, to date, has funded 46 Nobel Laureates and is the largest nongovernmental, not-for-profit funder of cancer research; and

WHEREAS, the organization made a connection between lung cancer and smoking in 1950, which has led to education and laws that have greatly reduced smoking rates; and

WHEREAS, with support from the American Cancer Society, the passage of the Cancer Act of 1971 established the National Cancer Institute and now funds billions of dollars annually for research; and

WHEREAS, now the largest grassroots fundraising event in the world, Relay for Life, which was launched in 1985 by an American Cancer Society volunteer, has raised over \$3 billion to date and raises \$400 million annually to fund research, education, advocacy, and service for cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Information Center, opened by the American Cancer Society in 1997, receives nearly 1 million calls seeking cancer information each year; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, American Cancer Society researchers linked obesity to most types of cancer and concluded the impact in 14% of cancers in men and 20% of cancers in women; and

WHEREAS, thanks in large part to the American Cancer Society's groundbreaking work in cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment, the number of cancer deaths in the United States declined for the first time in 2006 and, in 2012, the American Cancer Society reported that cancer death rates declined by 20 percent, which is nearly 1.2 million lives saved; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society and its advocacy affiliate, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, were successful in gaining support and passage of FDA regulation over tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2013, the American Cancer Society will celebrate 100 years of milestones in the fight against cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2013, as

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the 100th Birthday of the American Cancer Society and join together to Finish the Fight against this disease.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA