

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is a group of inherited red blood cell disorders that causes these cells to elongate and clog blood vessels, thereby affecting all body systems; and

WHEREAS, affecting millions of people worldwide, including 70,000 to 80,000 Americans, sickle cell disease is the most common inherited blood disorder in the United States and occurs in approximately 1 of every 400 African American newborns in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, individuals with sickle cell disease require ongoing treatment to manage and control symptoms and limit the occurrence of crises; and

WHEREAS, currently, provided a suitable donor is available, bone marrow or stem cell transplants offer the only potential cure but carry significant risks.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2015 as

SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the treatment options and prevention services and to 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