

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death, taking the lives of more Americans than breast, prostate, and colon cancers combined; and

WHEREAS, according to the South Carolina Cancer Alliance, approximately 3,780 people in the Palmetto State are diagnosed with lung cancer each year and 2,850 die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, smoking is widely recognized as the leading risk factor for lung cancer, although it also occurs in people who have never smoked or had prolonged exposure to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, increased availability and use of the early diagnosis and management protocols for lung cancer have the potential to improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

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

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the importance of the prevention, early detection, and treatment in the fight against this disease.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA