

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** vitiligo is a noncontagious skin disorder characterized by white patches and a loss of pigment cells from the involved areas; and

**WHEREAS,** while there is no definitive cause of vitiligo, doctors and scientists have several theories about its origins including heredity, a disorder of the autoimmune system, or a result of a single event such as a sunburn or emotional distress; and

**WHEREAS,** while vitiligo may be more common in individuals affected by hyperthyroidism or certain other autoimmune diseases, most people with vitiligo have no other autoimmune disease; and

**WHEREAS,** raising public awareness and continued research can help increase understanding of the disorder and lead to improved therapies and preventive measures for the individuals it affects.

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

### VITILIGO AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to support further research into the causes of and a cure for this disorder.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

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