

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, macular degeneration is a disease related to aging that gradually erodes an individual's central vision, reducing their ability to see objects clearly and perform routine tasks such as reading and driving; and

WHEREAS, with early symptoms including blurred vision and straight lines appearing crooked, macular degeneration affects millions of Americans and is a leading cause of blindness for those aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, although there is no cure for macular degeneration, there are treatments available that can slow the progress of vision loss in some cases.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2011 as

### MACULAR DEGENERATION AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to help raise awareness of this disease and the necessity of regular vision exams for healthy eyes.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA