

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** molds are part of the natural environment that can be found both inside and outdoors growing on any substance as long as moisture is present; and

**WHEREAS,** outside, molds play an important role in the decomposition of dead organic matter but, inside, molds can cause health problems through the production of allergens, irritants, and potentially toxic substances known as mycotoxins; and

**WHEREAS,** even though the presence of mold in a building does not mean that mycotoxins are present, steps should be taken to handle the contamination; and

**WHEREAS,** while there is no effective way to eliminate all mold and mold spores indoors, mold growth can be limited by controlling the moisture levels in homes, offices, schools, and other buildings through the repair of leaks and the reduction of indoor humidity through increased ventilation and the use of exhaust fans, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers; and

**WHEREAS,** research continues into mold and its potential effect on the health of sensitive individuals.

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

### INDOOR MOLD AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to help raise awareness of the potential for indoor mold growth, the importance of controlling moisture levels inside buildings, and the possible health risks of mold contamination.



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

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