

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** National Minority Health Month is an inclusive initiative that addresses the health needs of African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, and other minorities in an effort to strengthen the capacities of local communities to eliminate the disproportionate burden of premature death and preventable illness in minority populations through prevention, early detection, and control of disease complications; and

**WHEREAS,** the Office of Minority Health at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control works to improve the health of our minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that promote health equality for all; and

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina's four major racial and ethnic minority populations account for approximately 37 percent of the state's total population; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2015 observance of Minority Health Month provides an opportunity to build partnerships and share information in an effort to eliminate health disparities and increase health equity for all minorities.

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

### MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to incorporate healthy lifestyle choices into their daily lives while working together to provide culturally appropriate health services to minorities.



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

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