

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, an estimated 10 - 20 percent of breast cancer patients are diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, triple negative breast cancers tend to grow and spread more quickly than most types of breast cancer and occur most often in younger women, African Americans, and Latinas; and

WHEREAS, women with triple negative breast cancer lack receptors to estrogen and progesterone as well as an excess of the HER2 protein on their surfaces; and

WHEREAS, due to the absence of these receptors, some of the newer, most effective breast cancer treatments, hormone therapy and drugs that target HER2, are not effective treatments for triple negative breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness and understanding of triple negative breast cancer can contribute to earlier detection and treatment that are critical for achieving more successful patient outcomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2014, as

TRIPLE NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the need for continued research into the causes of and a cure for triple negative breast cancer and to offer support to those who are currently fighting this disease.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA