

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, asthma is a chronic, potentially life threatening lung disease that affects over 25 million Americans and approximately 400,000 South Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, asthma is a leading cause of childhood hospitalizations, long-term illness, and school absenteeism, accounting for nearly 10.5 million missed school days each year; and

WHEREAS, exposure to allergens and irritants can trigger an asthma attack, constricting the airways of the lungs and causing wheezing, breathlessness, tightness of the chest, and coughing; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for asthma, with proper medications and treatment the disease can be almost completely controlled.

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

ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH

and May 6, 2014, as

WORLD ASTHMA DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the signs, symptoms, and treatment options for asthma in an effort to improve the quality of life for those individuals it affects.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA