

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, primary immunodeficiency diseases are disorders in which part of the body's immune system is missing or does not function properly; and

WHEREAS, these disorders are caused by intrinsic or genetic defects in the immune system and may lead to recurrent infections and other health problems; and

WHEREAS, as many as 250,000 people in the United States may be affected by primary immunodeficiency diseases; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis is critical to the effective treatment of primary immunodeficiency disorders and a reduced risk of organ damage or physical disability; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 observance of Primary Immunodeficiency Awareness Month helps call attention to these numerous disorders and the people whose lives they affect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as

PRIMARY IMMUNODEFICIENCY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about primary immunodeficiency diseases and to work together to raise awareness of these devastating disorders.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA