

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is a group of inherited red blood cell disorders that causes these cells to elongate and clog blood vessels, thereby affecting all body systems; and

WHEREAS, 1 of 11 severe chronic diseases affecting children in the Palmetto State, sickle cell disease is present in approximately 1 of every 400 African American newborns, with 10 percent of African Americans carrying the sickle cell trait gene; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, while research on possible therapies and medications continues, no cure for sickle cell disease exists today, but quality disease management, treatment options, and preventive services can help alleviate suffering by those affected.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2012 as

SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise public awareness of the treatment options and prevention services available for those who suffer or are at risk of suffering from sickle cell disease.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA