

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is an international campaign held each year on the first day of December to raise awareness of the global impact of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.2 million Americans are living with HIV or AIDS, and 1 in 8 people do not know they are infected; and

WHEREAS, at the end of 2015, more than 18,000 residents of South Carolina, including over 200 children and teens, were living with HIV or AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 observance of World AIDS Day helps raise awareness of the importance of working together in a united effort to achieve the common goals of prevention, increased treatment, and reduced stigma to win the fight against this global pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2016, as

WORLD AIDS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about HIV/AIDS, take action to protect their health and the health of others, treat HIV/AIDS patients with fairness and understanding, and remember those who have lost their lives to this disease.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA