

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** respiratory therapists are specialists in airway management, the treatment of respiratory related conditions, and the education of patients and families regarding their respiratory condition and associated treatments; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 1,830 respiratory therapists across the Palmetto State are making important contributions to the delivery of quality health care to individuals who suffer from asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and other respiratory illnesses; and

**WHEREAS,** respiratory therapists have a wide range of responsibilities such as treating patients who have experienced trauma or are in surgical or intensive care units, maintaining airways during cardiopulmonary resuscitation, attending to the respiratory needs of high-risk patients during ground or air transport, and providing support in the deliveries of babies with breathing difficulties; and

**WHEREAS,** through their work in a variety of high-risk settings, including intensive care units, emergency departments, operating rooms, neonatal nurseries, and home care, respiratory therapists are instrumental in saving lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2014 as**

### RESPIRATORY THERAPIST WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the vital role respiratory therapists play in the delivery of quality health care.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**