

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, clubfoot is a birth defect that results in the foot's turning inward or downward; and

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 200,000 babies worldwide and 5,300 in the United States are born with clubfoot; and

WHEREAS, left untreated, clubfoot can lead to arthritis, difficulty walking, problems with the development of muscles in the calf, calluses on the feet, infection, and poor self-image; and

WHEREAS, developed by Dr. Ignacio Ponseti, the Ponseti Method is a simple, inexpensive, outpatient manipulative technique involving stretching and casting that is highly effective in the successful treatment of clubfoot.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2015, as

WORLD CLUBFOOT DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to help raise awareness of clubfoot and the effective treatment available to correct the deformity.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA