

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which includes emphysema, asthma, chronic bronchitis and other chronic lung diseases, is the third leading cause of death in the United States and is the only chronic illness with a rising death rate; and

WHEREAS, smoking is the most common cause of COPD, but other things that may contribute to the disease are working around certain chemicals and breathing in the fumes for many years, working in dusty areas over many years, and heavy exposure to air pollution; and

WHEREAS, early detection and diagnosis, effective treatment, and patient education are key to reducing the incidence and slowing the spread of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2011 as

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of this chronic and progressive disease.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA