

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the disease, which often goes undetected until it has advanced and spread into other organs, claims the lives of 74 percent of patients within the first year of their diagnosis and 94 percent of patients within the first five years; and

WHEREAS, while scientists do not know exactly what causes pancreatic cancer, certain risk factors have been identified including smoking, diabetes, family history, and race; and

WHEREAS, incidence rates of pancreatic cancer are between 34 and 70 percent higher for African-Americans than all other racial/ethnic groups in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates for the past 40 years.

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

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to promote continued research into the causes of and a cure for pancreatic cancer.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA