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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
125 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Diabetes Initiative of South Carolina (DSC), I am pleased to present our twenty-first Annual Report (calendar year 2015). The report was requested in the Diabetes Initiative of South Carolina Act, Chapter 39, Section 44-39.

Diabetes is a major public health problem in South Carolina; however, the Diabetes Initiative of South Carolina (DSC) provides a realistic mechanism to address issues on a statewide basis. In 2014, South Carolina ranked seventh highest in the nation in the prevalence of the adult population with diabetes. One in eight adults in South Carolina has diabetes. About one in six African-Americans has diabetes, which is in contrast to one in nine white adults. In South Carolina, one in four adults over the age of 65 has diabetes. Also, in this expanding age group, one in six has prediabetes. For those with an annual household income less than \$15,000, one in five adults has diabetes.

DSC has a wide variety of representation on the DSC board and the Center of Excellence, Surveillance Council, and Outreach Council. Different individuals throughout the state are on the DSC board, such as representatives from academic medical centers, clinicians, certified diabetes educators, SC Hospital Association, SC DHEC, SC DHHS, and the SC Medical Association.

The Diabetes Center of Excellence in the DSC provides oversight for developing and supervising professional education programs for health care workers of all types in South Carolina. The goal is to increase their knowledge and ability to care for people with diabetes. The DSC has sponsored 21 Annual Diabetes Fall symposia for primary health care professionals featuring education regarding many aspects of diabetes mellitus. DSC also sponsors a Diabetes Strategies for the Twenty-First Century Symposium, held in the winter on an annual basis. In March, the DSC offers a Diabetes under the Dome Day that takes place at the state house and the intent is to provide screening for diabetes and educational input about diabetes for our state's representatives and other professionals in the legislature.

Thank you for your past support and hope you will accept these achievements as part of your administration. We look forward to providing you the successes for 2015 in next year's report.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the DSC Board,



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Enclosure