

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, obesity is a complex condition, influenced by behavioral, environmental and biological factors, that increases the risk of heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, some forms of cancer, and other chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, approximately sixty-seven percent of the adults in the Palmetto State are overweight or obese, while one third of our high school students and twenty-eight percent of our low-income children aged 2 - 5 are overweight or obese; and

WHEREAS, obesity places a large economic burden on our state, with expenses over one billion dollars each year, nearly half of which are paid by taxpayers through Medicare and Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, community support of healthy eating and active living is critical to positively impacting obesity and improving the health of the citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, Eat Smart, Move More SC is the statewide coalition working to create and promote communities that support healthy eating and active living to make the healthiest choice the easiest choice.

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

OBESITY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join in obesity prevention efforts where they live, work, and play and to make healthier decisions in their day-to-day lives.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA