

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, arthritis includes more than 100 diseases and conditions which affect the joints, connective tissues or supporting structures of the body, typically causing pain, stiffness and swelling in or around joints and frequently leading to limitations in self-care, work, recreation and other activities; and

WHEREAS, affecting approximately one million adults in South Carolina and an estimated 50 million adults across the nation, arthritis is one of the most common chronic conditions and is the leading cause of disability in the nation; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of the prevention and treatment of arthritis, including self-management and physical activity programs, helps those affected by arthritis become more active, learn how to manage their health and take control of their lives; and

WHEREAS, during the 2011 observance of Arthritis Awareness Month, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and the Arthritis Foundation will encourage people to stay active, maintain a healthy weight, and avoid injuries as measures to prevent arthritis.

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

ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the prevention and self-management of arthritis.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA