

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, almost 600,000 Americans die each year from heart disease, a leading cause of death and disability in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, heart disease accounted for over 52,000 hospitalizations and over 9,200 deaths in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness, education, and early screening can help manage and prevent approximately 80 percent of the risk factors leading to heart disease; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of Heart Month, the Heart2Heart Foundation, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Palmetto Health, and participating healthcare providers are offering heart health screenings, risk assessments, and free educational materials to help identify individuals at high risk of developing heart disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 19, 2015, as

STATEWIDE SCREENING DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to participate in community or healthcare provider heart health screenings in an effort to create a plan of prevention in the fight against heart disease and stroke.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA