

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a chronic, life-threatening lung disease marked by elevated blood pressure in the lungs; and

WHEREAS, with symptoms ranging from shortness of breath and fatigue to chest pains, dizzy spells and fainting, PH is often misdiagnosed, resulting in an average of a nearly three-year delay in accurate diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, although there is no cure for pulmonary hypertension, early diagnosis contributes to better management of the disease and an improved quality of life for those affected; and

WHEREAS, Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month calls attention to the need for increased education and research as a means to help achieve early detection and diagnosis, effective treatment methods, and a possible cure for this disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2013 as

PULMONARY HYPERTENSION AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of this debilitating disease.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA