

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** heart disease is the leading cause of death among women, yet 80 percent of cardiac events can be prevented; and
- WHEREAS,** cardiovascular diseases cause 1 in 3 women's deaths each year, killing approximately 1 woman every minute; and
- WHEREAS,** an estimated 44 million women in the United States are affected by cardiovascular diseases, and 90 percent of women have 1 or more risk factors for developing heart disease, yet only 1 in 5 American women believe that heart disease is her greatest health threat; and
- WHEREAS,** women comprise only 24 percent of participants in all heart-related studies; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease; and
- WHEREAS,** women involved with the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women movement live healthier lives, with nearly 90 percent having made at least one healthy behavior change; and
- WHEREAS,** Go Red For Women helps raise awareness of the importance of empowering women to take charge of their heart health and join together to end cardiovascular disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2015, as

SOUTH CAROLINA WEAR RED DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to wear the color red to commemorate this day and show their support for women and 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