

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, diagnosed each year in more than 143,000 Americans, including approximately 2,330 people in South Carolina, colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer death in men and women, with an estimate of over 51,000 losing their lives to this disease; and
- WHEREAS, early detection testing for colorectal cancer consistently lowers disease-specific mortality, yet many Americans have not been screened for the disease; and
- WHEREAS, colorectal screening, a powerful yet underused lifesaving examination, helps prevent colon cancer through early detection of polyps before they progress into cancer; and
- WHEREAS, screening for colorectal cancer facilitates early detection, thereby extending many lives, reducing treatment costs, and improving the quality of life for patients.

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

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the health and health care cost benefits of early cancer detection through colorectal screening.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA