

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Public Health Month helps educate the public, policymakers, and public health professionals about issues important to the improvement of the public's health; and

WHEREAS, even though the United States life expectancy has increased over the past 25 years, the increase has been at a slower rate than in other countries and remains lower than comparable countries; and

WHEREAS, within the United States, there is a 16 percent difference in health status between the most healthy and least healthy states; and

WHEREAS, public health action, together with scientific and technologic advances, has played a major role in reducing, and in some cases eliminating, the spread of infectious disease and in establishing today's disease surveillance and control systems; and

WHEREAS, while heart attack and stroke are still the nation's top killers, the public health community has helped achieve remarkable declines in deaths from both diseases, with a 60 percent decrease in deaths from cardiovascular disease and a 70 percent decrease in stroke rates since 1950.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to help raise awareness about the value of public health and the importance of adopting preventive lifestyle habits.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA