

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, vitiligo is a noncontagious skin disorder characterized by white patches and a loss of pigment cells from the involved areas; and

WHEREAS, while there is no definitive cause of vitiligo, doctors and scientists have several theories about its origins including heredity, a disorder of the autoimmune system, or a result of a single event such as a sunburn, physical trauma, or emotional distress; and

WHEREAS, vitiligo can be a source of emotional distress for the millions of people it affects; and

WHEREAS, while vitiligo may be more common in individuals affected by hyperthyroidism or certain other autoimmune diseases, most people with vitiligo have no other autoimmune disease; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness and understanding of this disorder can help promote research to develop better therapies and preventive measures for the individuals it affects.

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

VITILIGO AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to support further research into the causes of and a cure for this disorder.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA