

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, oral health is a critical component of overall health, affecting speech, nutrition, growth, social development, employability, productivity, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, dental decay is one of the most common chronic diseases among children; and

WHEREAS, untreated dental disease is linked to adverse health outcomes associated with diabetes, stroke, heart disease, bacterial pneumonia, preterm and low birth weight deliveries and, in some cases, death; and

WHEREAS, access to dental care is associated with higher utilization of preventive and restorative dental services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2016 as

ORAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of good oral health to the well-being of the people of the Palmetto State.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA