

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, pulmonary arterial hypertension is a progressive disorder marked by elevated blood pressure in the pulmonary artery that carries blood from the heart to the lungs; and

WHEREAS, while pulmonary arterial hypertension may be caused by a gene mutation or another underlying health condition, in many cases, a definitive cause for the disorder cannot be determined; and

WHEREAS, although there is no cure for pulmonary arterial hypertension, early diagnosis contributes to better management of the disease and an improved quality of life for those affected; and

WHEREAS, Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Awareness Month calls attention to the need for increased education and research as a means to help achieve early detection and diagnosis, effective treatment methods, and a possible cure for this disorder.

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

PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of this debilitating disease.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA