

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, pharmacy is one of the oldest of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and
- WHEREAS, pharmacists across our state and nation provide services that help ensure the safe use of all medications; and
- WHEREAS, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, the use of medication is becoming a major force in the management of overall health care costs; and
- WHEREAS, today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups, both clinically and demographically; and
- WHEREAS, consumers of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, should be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and
- WHEREAS, with their education, focus, and level of expertise, pharmacists are ideally suited to work collaboratively with patients and other health care providers to improve medication use and outcomes by providing services through medication therapy management; and
- WHEREAS, with the theme, "Know Your PHARMACIST – Know Your MEDICINE," this year's observance of Pharmacists Month helps raise awareness of the important role pharmacists play in the safe use of medication.

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

PHARMACISTS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our pharmacists for their commitment to providing safe, affordable, and beneficial pharmaceutical care services and products to the residents of the Palmetto State.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA