

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, male breast cancer occurs when a malignant tumor starts in cells of a man's breast; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that, in the United States, approximately 2,350 new cases of male breast cancer will be diagnosed and over 400 men will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the misconception that breast cancer only affects women may delay diagnosis of the disease in men until it has reached a later stage where it is less likely to be cured; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness and understanding of male breast cancer can contribute to earlier detection and treatment that are critical for achieving more successful patient outcomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 18-24, 2015, as

MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to learn more about male breast cancer and to offer support to those who are currently fighting this disease.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA