





# South Carolina Medical Association Alliance

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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Governor of South Carolina  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

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Dear Governor Haley:

Sherry Anne Gettys  
Recording Secretary

The South Carolina Medical Association Alliance (SCMAA) respectfully request that you proclaim March 30, 2015 Doctors' Day in the State of South Carolina.

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Treasurer

As physicians' spouses, we have dedicated ourselves to the improvement of health in South Carolina. Each year, the SCMAA and the County Medical Alliances across the state honor the physicians of South Carolina on March 30<sup>th</sup> by performing community projects. We use this day to say, "thank you" to the physicians for all that they do and to promote good health choices in our communities. The SCMAA appreciates that the Governor's Office of South Carolina has been a part of this celebration for many years.

Angela Lorenz  
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The first Doctors' Day was held on March 30, 1933 in Winder, Georgia. This recognition coincided with the anniversary of the first administration of anesthesia by Dr. Crawford W. Long in 1842. This tribute to physicians has been adopted nationwide.

Thank you in advance for giving consideration to our request to continue the tradition of Doctors' Day with this proclamation. Please send the original proclamation document to me at the address below. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

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