

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** affecting millions of women throughout the United States, endometriosis is a women's health disorder that occurs when tissue lining the uterus grows on other organs or in other parts of the body; and

**WHEREAS,** most commonly affecting areas within a woman's reproductive system, endometriosis can occur in the bladder, bowels, rectum and, in rare cases, the lungs, brain, and skin; and

**WHEREAS,** characterized by varying degrees of pain, endometriosis can also result in fatigue, diarrhea, constipation, bloating, nausea, spotting or irregular bleeding, and infertility; and

**WHEREAS,** prompt diagnosis and treatment can help minimize the negative effects of endometriosis that often cause absences from work, school, and social events, difficulties in relationships with family, friends, and co-workers, or the inability to complete a normal daily routine.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2014 as**

### ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of this debilitating disease and to recognize the women who suffer its effects each day.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**