

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, preeclampsia is a potentially dangerous condition of pregnancy characterized by increased blood pressure and protein in the urine that, left untreated, can lead to significant health problems for the mother and baby; and

WHEREAS, almost 300,000 pregnancies in America are complicated by preeclampsia each year, with approximately 25 percent reaching severe or critical status; and

WHEREAS, signs and symptoms of preeclampsia include spikes in maternal blood pressure, sudden swelling of face and hands, abdominal pain, changes in vision, and persistent headaches; and

WHEREAS, increasing public knowledge of these signs and symptoms can help women recognize the condition and seek appropriate medical care.

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

PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of this condition in order to minimize maternal and infant illness and death due to preeclampsia.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA