

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome, a part of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer, is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, urinary tract, ovarian, pancreatic, and other types of cancers; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that one in every 440 people, or approximately 800,000 individuals, in the United States, including 10,000 South Carolinians, have Lynch syndrome, yet only about 5 percent of those with a family or personal history of colon cancer have been diagnosed with Lynch syndrome; and

WHEREAS, assessment of family medical history of cancers and universal testing of colorectal and uterine tumors for characteristics of Lynch syndrome may prompt genetic testing that can identify high risk individuals; and

WHEREAS, regular cancer screenings of individuals with a positive genetic test can lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of Lynch syndrome can help improve the health and well-being of people in the Palmetto State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2014, as

LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about their family histories of cancer and to share that information with their healthcare provider in order to assess individual risk and take steps towards prevention and detection.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA