

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths and the third most commonly diagnosed cancer, excluding skin cancers, for men and women in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** it is estimated that more than 132,000 new cases of colon and rectal cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year, and approximately 49,700 Americans will die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS,** colorectal screening, a powerful yet underused lifesaving examination, helps prevent colon cancer through early detection of polyps before they progress into cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** while the vast majority of colon cancer deaths can be prevented through proper screening and early detection, only 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage; and

**WHEREAS,** colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable in most cases.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2016 as**

### COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the health and healthcare cost benefits of early cancer detection through colorectal screening.



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

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