

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** kidneys are vital organs that remove waste and drugs from the body, balance the body's fluids, help regulate blood pressure, produce red blood cells, and promote strong, healthy bones; and

**WHEREAS,** chronic kidney disease affects an estimated 26 million Americans, including over 500,000 people in the Palmetto State; and

**WHEREAS,** diabetes and high blood pressure are the two most common causes of chronic kidney disease; and

**WHEREAS,** early detection and treatment of kidney disease can slow or halt its progress and reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases and kidney failure to patients.

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

### KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of good kidney health and to help raise awareness of the risk factors, treatment and prevention of chronic kidney disease.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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