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The Honorable Nikki Haley  
Office of the Governor  
Attn: Leigh LeMoine  
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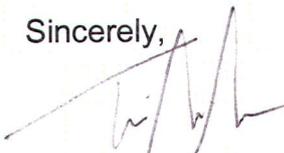
Dear Governor Haley:

In conjunction with National VA Research Week, the WJB Dorn VA Medical Center will host a special Research Day, May 19, 2015. We would be honored to have you join us as we highlight our research program. In addition to learning more about national research, we also use this day as an opportunity for our VA research community and academic affiliates to share highlights of our respective research programs. We find this year's National VA Research Week theme of **"VA Research: 90 Years of Excellence"** most appropriate as we encourage research collaborations with our academic partners.

The 2015 National VA Research Week, May 18-22, 2015, is designed to celebrate the many achievements of VA researchers and the role they play in providing high quality health care for Veterans. Research is an important component in advancing medical science. Research Day serves to educate Veterans and the public about the research conducted at our medical center and its impact on treating and preventing disease and disability.

Our scheduled events will be held in the Conference Room D100 (building 106) at the VA campus beginning at 9:00 am. The program will include a poster event where researchers present their studies for review and discussion. We will conclude with the ribbon-cutting for our recently renovated state-of-the-art research laboratories.

We look forward to seeing you at our 2015 National VA Research Day. If you are unable to attend, we request that you send a staff representative. Please confirm your attendance by April 15, 2015. Should you require additional information, please email Rafael Fernandez ([Rafael.Fernandez3@va.gov](mailto:Rafael.Fernandez3@va.gov)).

Sincerely,  


Timothy B. McMurry  
Medical Center Director



# **2015 Dorn VA Research Day**

**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015**

**Poster Presentations & Refreshments:** Multipurpose Room (D-100), Building 106

**Equipment Demonstrations:** Building 9

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Meeting with Researchers and Faculty –**

University of South Carolina School of Medicine

1-2 pm, Bldg. 1, Rm. M1

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

**Dr. Alex Chiu, Director, VA Merit Review Program**

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm , USCSOM, Bldg. 1, Rm. M1

**Ribbon Cutting:**

**VACO Representative, Director, ACOS-R**

**3:30- 4:00 pm , Building 9**

**COME JOIN US!**