

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome is a hereditary condition that causes a greater risk of developing colorectal and other types of cancers; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3 to 5 percent of the newly-diagnosed cases of colorectal cancer each year are caused by 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, 2016, 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 cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA