

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver most commonly caused by a virus; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, an estimated 1.4 million people are living with chronic hepatitis B (HBV), and 3.5 million individuals are living with chronic hepatitis C (HCV); and

WHEREAS, while HBV and HCV do not present symptoms for many years, early screening and treatment can prevent a progression to more serious liver disease; and

WHEREAS, vaccines have shown to be effective in protecting individuals from HBV, and new treatment regimens have been developed for HCV, leading to improved outcomes for those it affects.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2016, as

HEPATITIS TESTING DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to help call attention to the benefits of screening in the early detection and effective treatment of viral hepatitis.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA