

# 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.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

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