

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 116 million Americans suffer from chronic pain caused by various diseases and disorders, and each year an estimated 25 million experience acute pain as a result of injury or surgery; and

WHEREAS, pain takes an economic toll on our country, costing billions of dollars each year in medical expenses, lost wages, reduced productivity, and other costs; and

WHEREAS, good pain management is an important patient right at any stage of a disease process; and

WHEREAS, improved pain management education and an effective multidisciplinary treatment approach can help reduce suffering and remove barriers to pain-free living.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2011 as

PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about pain and help provide an improved quality of life for those who suffer with it.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA