

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths and the third most commonly diagnosed cancer, excluding skin cancers, for men and women in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** every year in South Carolina, nearly 800 people die from colorectal cancer, and more than 2,300 people are diagnosed with the disease; and

**WHEREAS,** early detection testing for colorectal cancer consistently lowers disease-specific mortality, yet many Americans have not been screened for the disease; and

**WHEREAS,** colorectal screening, a powerful yet underused lifesaving examination, helps prevent colon cancer through early detection of polyps before they progress into cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** screening for colorectal cancer facilitates early detection, thereby extending many lives, reducing treatment costs, and improving the quality of life for patients.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2014 as**

### COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the health and health care cost benefits of early cancer detection through colorectal screening.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

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