

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, the life expectancy of men is approximately five years lower than that of women; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and healthcare providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems helps reduce rates of mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS, men who are knowledgeable about the value of preventive health care are more likely to participate in health screenings, thus promoting early detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 observance of Men's Health Week calls attention to a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, mental health, and prostate, testicular, and colon cancer, in an effort to educate men and their families about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 13 - 19, 2016, as

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote positive health attitudes, preventive health practices, and early detection efforts.



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NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA