

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** tuberculosis (TB) is one of the largest infectious disease killers in the world, with nearly 10 million new cases worldwide, including 5.6 million men, 3.4 million women, and 1.2 million children, and
- WHEREAS,** TB is one of the top ten causes of death and the leading cause from a single infectious agent, with a total of 1.6 million people, including 187,000 people with HIV, losing their battle with the disease in 2021; and
- WHEREAS,** TB is the 13th leading cause of death worldwide and the second leading infectious killer after COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** South Carolina consistently ranks among the top ten states nationally, with an average of 95 new cases each year, and it is estimated that 150,000 South Carolinians are infected with the tuberculosis bacteria; and
- WHEREAS,** up to 13 million people in the United States have latent TB infection and, without treatment, are at risk for developing TB disease in the future; and
- WHEREAS,** while new forms of TB have developed and threaten the residents of the Palmetto State, South Carolina is committed to controlling the disease locally and globally; and
- WHEREAS,** observed since 1982, 100 years after the discovery of the TB bacillus was announced, World TB Day provides an opportunity to recognize achievement in TB prevention and control, support individuals, families, and communities affected by this disease, and to renew our commitment to preventing the spread of TB and ending this devastating disease in our state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

SOUTH CAROLINA TB AWARENESS MONTH

and March 24, 2023, as

WORLD TB DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote the development and delivery of more effective and efficient treatments for TB and to remember those who have lost their lives to this deadly disease.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA