WHEREAS, there are more than 3 million licensed registered nurses in the United States, and vascular nurses comprise an important part of this health care group by providing excellence in direct patient care and participating in vascular research; and

WHEREAS, vascular nurses are an integral part of an interdisciplinary team of medical professionals who specialize in the treatment of people with vascular disease including Peripheral Arterial Disease, a vascular disease affecting approximately 8 million people in the United States and 12-20 percent of the American population over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, vascular nurses are able to identify the resources required by the vascular patient population and to assist in providing optimal care and compassion; and

WHEREAS, vascular nurses are committed to advancing the care of persons living with vascular disease through excellence in clinical practice, education, and research.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 7-13, 2015, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize these professionals for their contributions to the delivery of quality health care services to the people of the Palmetto State.

NIKKI R. HALEY
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