

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, millions of Americans suffer with gout, a common form of inflammatory arthritis caused by uric acid build-up in the joints; and

WHEREAS, gout is a chronic disease characterized by sudden and excruciating painful attacks; and

WHEREAS, gout can have negative impacts on an individual's work, leisure, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness can help reduce the unfair stigma people with gout may experience and empower patients to seek quality care and timely treatment; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for gout, early diagnosis, medical treatment, and lifestyle changes can be effective in the management of the condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2024, as

### GOUT AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about this disease and support those individuals it affects.



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

HENRY McMASTER  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA