

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** according to the CDC, 1 in 7 women have difficulty getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and
- WHEREAS,** infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomic level; and
- WHEREAS,** some people become infertile due to a medical treatment for another condition, most often chemotherapy or radiation for cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many in our state to access the family building options they need; and
- WHEREAS,** raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building community is the first step to removing these barriers; and
- WHEREAS,** South Carolina joins RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, Empowered Infertility, and dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and family building community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 20-26, 2025, as

NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize those affected by infertility.



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

**HENRY DARGAN McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**