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UPPER MIDLANDS RURAL HEALTH NETWORK

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### April is National Minority Health Month

History of National Minority Health Month

National Minority Health Month began 100 years ago thanks to the efforts of Dr. Booker T. Washington. He called on local health departments, schools, churches, businesses, professional associations, and the most influential organizations in the African-American community to "pull together" and "unite... in one great National Health Movement." That observance grew into what is today a month-long initiative to advance health equity across the country, on behalf of all racial and ethnic minorities

Source: <http://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/content.aspx?lvi=2&lvid=12&ID=10234>

### "Accelerating Health Equity for the Nation" ...and in South Carolina

In South Carolina, the Office of Minority Health at DHEC is focused on improving the health status of all minorities by:

Educating and Empowering



Developing Programs, Partnerships and Policies

Encouraging Community Involvement to meet Local Needs



The mission of the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is to improve the quality of life for all South Carolinians by protecting and promoting the health of the public and the environment. DHEC touches the life of every South Carolinian every day in some way – from making sure that drinking water and air is clean and investigating disease outbreaks, to emergency preparedness planning and assuring immunizations are provided to residents. The vision of DHEC is healthy people living in healthy communities.

### Member Highlight

Learn more about DHEC at <http://www.scdhec.gov/>

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