

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, transverse myelitis is a neurological disorder in which inflammation of the spinal cord causes damage, resulting in nervous system scars that interrupt communication between the nerves in the spinal cord and the rest of the body; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of transverse myelitis, including lower back pain, muscle weakness, and abnormal feelings in the lower extremities, can quickly lead to more serious symptoms such as paralysis and bladder and bowel dysfunction; and

WHEREAS, with approximately 1,400 new diagnoses each year, transverse myelitis is not widely recognized by the public as a significant, serious spinal condition even though recovery can be difficult and only about one-third of those diagnosed with the condition make a full recovery; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of transverse myelitis can help lead to advances in diagnosis and research.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 11, 2014, as

TRANSVERSE MYELITIS AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of transverse myelitis and to recognize individuals and families affected by the disorder.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA