

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a medical condition that can affect active-duty service men and women, veterans, and the victims and families of or witnesses to physical and sexual assaults, child sexual abuse, domestic violence, accidents, and natural or man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, PTSD affects approximately 7.7 million adults but can occur at any age and is more likely to develop in women than men; and

WHEREAS, many members of our Armed Forces return home with this condition that leaves no visible scars, yet few are willing to seek and receive treatment which can, in turn, negatively impact their lives, their families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, recent research has led to a focus on the possible prevention of PTSD through the development of new medications, enhancing cognitive, personality, and social protective factors while minimizing risk factors, and developing more personalized, effective, and efficient treatments; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of PTSD, its causes, symptoms, and treatment options will benefit victims of this condition and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 27, 2014, as

PTSD AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about PTSD and to recognize individuals and families affected by the condition.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA