

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** according to the National Institutes of Health, there are nearly 7,000 rare diseases and conditions, each of which affects fewer than 200,000 people in the United States but, as a group, affect almost 30 million Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** many rare diseases are serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected and their families; and

**WHEREAS,** individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience problems including delays in diagnosis, difficulties in finding medical experts, and the absence of, or lack of access to, approved treatments or ancillary services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 29, 2016, as**

### **RARE DISEASE DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to help raise awareness of rare diseases and recognize the patients, families, and caregivers they affect.



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

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**