

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Fabry disease is a rare, progressive, and potentially life-threatening inherited genetic disorder caused by the deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A that leads to harmful levels of lipids in the body; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of Fabry disease, including pain, decreased ability to perspire, intolerance to heat and exercise, chronic fatigue, unexplained fevers, chronic gastrointestinal upset, anxiety, and depression, can progress to hearing loss and lung, heart, kidney and cardiovascular disease and, often, premature death due to heart attack, stroke, and kidney failure; and

WHEREAS, affecting an estimated 1 in 50,000 males, Fabry disease often goes unrecognized or misdiagnosed, preventing people from benefitting from approved treatment protocols before irreversible organ damage occurs; and

WHEREAS, early testing can confirm the presence of Fabry disease, enabling affected individuals to receive early treatment and enjoy a better quality of life.

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

FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of Fabry disease and the need to assess their family risk.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA