

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, characterized by the rapid onset of numbness and weakness in the legs, arms, breathing muscles, and face and ascending paralysis, Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) is a disorder in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys the myelin sheath surrounding axons of the peripheral nerves; and

WHEREAS, while symptoms vary in severity and duration, most cases result in stabilization and the patient's entry into the rehabilitative phase within four weeks; and

WHEREAS, closely related to GBS, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP) is characterized by the gradual weakening of the legs that can progress to the arms and, if left untreated, result in dependence on a wheelchair; and

WHEREAS, while the definitive causes of GBS and CIDP are unknown, early diagnoses and aggressive treatments contribute to an improved quality of life.

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

GUILLAIN-BARRÉ SYNDROME AND CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY DEMYELINATING POLYNEUROPATHY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of Guillain-Barré syndrome and chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy and to recognize the individuals and families they affect.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA