

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive, fatal neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 20,000 Americans living with ALS, and an estimated 15 people are diagnosed with this disease each day; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of ALS progress from weakness of the skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities, to difficulty in swallowing, talking, and breathing, and eventual muscle atrophy, with the patient becoming a functional quadriplegic; and

WHEREAS, while ALS has no known cause, means of prevention, or cure, extensive research has led to a better understanding of the disease that, when coupled with approved drug therapies, can lead to a better quality of life.

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

ALS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of this devastating disease, its terrible effect on all those it touches, and the need for continued research into its causes, prevention, and cure.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley", written in a cursive style.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA