

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, gastroschisis is a birth defect that occurs during early pregnancy when the muscles of the abdominal wall do not form correctly; and

WHEREAS, babies affected by gastroschisis require surgery soon after birth and often need additional treatment including IV nutrition therapy, antibiotics, and careful control of body temperature; and

WHEREAS, gastroschisis can lead to difficulties in feeding, digestion, and absorption of nutrients; and

WHEREAS, while the exact cause of gastroschisis is unknown, most babies affected by the condition are able to lead normal, healthy lives after fully recovering from surgery.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2016, as

GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about this disorder and the need for research into its causes as well as ways to prevent it.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA