

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) is a genetic disease that affects the part of the nervous system that controls voluntary muscle movement; and

**WHEREAS,** advances in treatment options, including medical equipment and procedures to manage or prevent problems associated with muscle weakness and the use of assistive technology, contribute to a better quality of life for patients with SMA; and

**WHEREAS,** the observance of Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month provides an opportunity to recognize people with this disease for their strength, courage, and determination to achieve.

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

### SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about this disease and to recognize the individuals and families it affects.



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

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