

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Turner Syndrome (TS) is a non-inheritable chromosomal disorder that affects 1 in 2,500 live female births; and

WHEREAS, risk for acute aortic dissection is increased by more than 100-fold in young and middle-aged women with TS; and

WHEREAS, individuals with TS have an increased risk of non-verbal learning disorder and, in school and at work, these impairments can cause problems in math, visuospatial skills, executive function skills, and job retention; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cause of TS, and a disproportionately small amount of funding is available for Turner Syndrome research and support; and

WHEREAS, although there is no cure for Turner Syndrome, early diagnosis can improve the quality of life for girls and women with TS by helping ensure the timely delivery of treatments to facilitate prevention or remediation of growth failure, hearing problems, and learning difficulties.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2013 as

TURNER SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about Turner Syndrome and to work together to increase awareness, education, and services for this disorder.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA