

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is a group of inherited diseases that cause progressive degeneration and weakness of the voluntary muscles; and

WHEREAS, SMA patients are classified into four types based on the age of onset of SMA with Type I, the most severe, appearing in infancy and Type IV, a less common form, afflicting individuals over the age of 35; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for SMA, treatment consists of careful management of symptoms to prevent complications arising from breathing issues, failure to thrive and weak arms and legs; and

WHEREAS, the observance of SMA Awareness Month provides an opportunity to help raise awareness and promote research into this devastating disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 2011 as

### SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to help raise awareness and find a cure for SMA.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA