

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is the fastest-growing developmental disability that significantly impairs an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal, nonverbal, and reciprocal communication; and

WHEREAS, although a cure for autism spectrum disorder has not been found, accurate, early diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education and intervention can help persons with autism spectrum disorder reach their maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, the Els for Autism Foundation was established in 2009 to raise funds and awareness of the causes and treatments of autism, including the development of the Center for Excellence, a model facility for information and research, medical and professional services, education, adult living, and job training for people with autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Excellence and the Els Foundation for Autism are significantly impacting the lives of people affected by autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2013, as

ELS AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure that individuals with autism spectrum disorder are accurately diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lives.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA