

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the central nervous system affecting an estimated 2.3 million people worldwide, including more than 4,000 South Carolinians, with a newly-diagnosed patient each hour; and

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis generally strikes people between the ages of 20 and 50 with unpredictable effects in progression and severity of symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of multiple sclerosis are variable, ranging from muscle weakness, trouble with balance and coordination, and numbness to visual disturbances or cognition and memory problems; and

WHEREAS, even though there is presently no cure for this disease, medications and therapeutic treatments are available to help manage the symptoms and enable those affected to achieve maximum independence; and

WHEREAS, research continues to bring us closer to a cure while contributing to the development of improved treatment options that enhance the quality of life for people affected by multiple sclerosis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2014, as

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness and understanding of this debilitating disease.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA