

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, myasthenia gravis is a chronic autoimmune neuromuscular disease that causes weakness of the voluntary muscles, including those that control eye movement and eyelids, facial expressions, coughing, chewing and swallowing, arm and leg movement, and breathing, with weakness increasing during periods of activity and improving after periods of rest; and

WHEREAS, because it is a rare disease affecting less than 100,000 Americans, and because weakness is a common symptom of many disorders, the diagnosis of myasthenia gravis is often delayed or missed; and

WHEREAS, although controllable by medication and other treatments, myasthenia gravis alters the lives of those affected and, in severe cases, can lead to respiratory failure; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Uniting for a Cure . . . Together we are Stronger," the 2011 observance of Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month helps raise awareness of the disease and the benefits that can be derived through continued education and research into the causes, treatment options and an ultimate cure.

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

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about this debilitating disease.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA