

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Dandy-Walker Syndrome is a congenital malformation of the brain that involves the cerebellum and the fluid-filled spaces surrounding it, with an excessive accumulation of fluid in the brain known as hydrocephalus; and

WHEREAS, difficult to diagnose, Dandy-Walker can present dramatically or develop over a period of years virtually unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, with symptoms ranging from slow motor development and progressive enlargement of the skull in infants to symptoms of intracranial pressure and cerebellar dysfunction, including irritability, lack of muscle coordination, and bulging at the back of the skull in older children, Dandy-Walker Syndrome is often associated with malformations of the heart, face, limbs, fingers, and toes; and

WHEREAS, depending on its severity, Dandy-Walker Syndrome has variable effects on the intellectual development and longevity of individuals affected by the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as

DANDY-WALKER SYNDROME AND HYDROCEPHALUS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of Dandy-Walker Syndrome and hydrocephalus and recognize the achievements of all Americans with a disability.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA