

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Cushing's syndrome is a rare medical condition caused by excessively high levels of the hormone cortisol in the bloodstream most often as a result of taking too much corticosteroid medication; and

WHEREAS, as a form of Cushing's syndrome, Cushing's disease results from a tumor or excess growth of the pituitary gland that leads to the release of too much adrenocorticotropic hormone (ACTH) and excess production of cortisol by the adrenal glands; and

WHEREAS, with a variety of symptoms, Cushing's can be difficult to diagnose, and treatment, including an adjustment in corticosteroid medication dosage, surgery, radiation, and medication, is dependent on the underlying cause of the disorder; and

WHEREAS, research continues into better diagnostics and improved outcomes for those affected by Cushing's disease and Cushing's syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 8, 2016, as

CUSHING'S AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of this disorder and to recognize the people it affects.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA