

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** cri du chat syndrome, also known as 5p- syndrome and cat cry syndrome, is a rare genetic disorder characterized by a high-pitched cry in infants, small head size, delayed intellectual growth and development, and weak muscle tone; and

**WHEREAS,** while it is estimated that cri du chat syndrome occurs in 1 in every 20,000 to 50,000 live births, some cases may go undiagnosed; and

**WHEREAS,** there is no cure for the disorder, and treatment may include standard protocols for individual symptoms as well as the coordinated efforts of a team of specialists that may include pediatricians, orthopedists, surgeons, cardiologists, speech pathologists, neurologists, dentists, physical and occupational therapists, and other healthcare professionals.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2016, as

### CRI DU CHAT SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

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



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

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**