

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