

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, fragile X syndrome is the most common cause of inherited intellectual disability and the most common known genetic cause of autism or autism spectrum disorders; and

WHEREAS, fragile X-associated disorders is a family of genetic conditions that are caused by changes in the FMR gene and affect individuals in a variety of ways; and

WHEREAS, more than one million Americans are carriers of a fragile X mutation and have, or are at risk for developing, a fragile X-associated disorder, and over 100,000 Americans have fragile X syndrome; and

WHEREAS, while the genetic defect causing fragile X has been discovered and is easily identified by DNA testing, fragile X remains frequently undetected due to its recent discovery and lack of awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 22, 2015, as

FRAGILE X AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the need for early diagnosis and treatment for the disorder as well as continued research to find a cure.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA