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Gov. Nikki Haley Announces World Autism Awareness Day In South Carolina *First Children Raise Awareness By Lighting Governor's Mansion Blue*

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Nikki Haley today issued a proclamation recognizing the month of April as Autism Awareness Month and Tuesday, April 2 as Autism Awareness Day throughout South Carolina. The First Children, Rena (15) and Nalin (12), lit the Governor's Mansion blue to raise awareness of the disorder and take part in World Autism Awareness Day.

According to the South Carolina Autism Awareness Society, autism spectrum disorder affects an estimated 1.8 million Americans and more than 52,000 South Carolinians.

Gov. Haley's proclamation recognizes the importance of an early diagnosis and the positive effects that an appropriate education and intervention can have on individuals affected by the disorder.

A photo of the Governor's Mansion lit blue and a copy of the proclamation are attached.

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