

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** muscular dystrophy is an umbrella term for a group of genetic diseases that result in progressive weakness and degeneration of the muscles; and

**WHEREAS,** the onset of muscular dystrophy can occur as early as infancy and as late as middle age or later, depending on the type; and

**WHEREAS,** while the muscular dystrophies vary in symptoms and severity, there are no cures for any of the different types; and

**WHEREAS,** Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month helps call attention to the need for continued research into effective treatments and an eventual cure for these disorders.

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

### MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the disease and recognize the strength and courage of the individuals and families it affects.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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