

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disorder that affects as many as one million Americans, including nearly 18,500 individuals in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease has four major symptoms, including trembling in the hands, arms, legs, jaw, and face, stiffness of the limbs and trunk, slowness of movement, and impaired balance and coordination, which generally lead to difficulty in walking, talking, or completing other simple tasks; and

WHEREAS, while the exact cause and progression of Parkinson's disease are unknown, a combination of genetics and exposure to unknown environmental factors likely trigger the disease; and

WHEREAS, even though there is presently no cure for this disease, medications, surgical treatment, and other therapies are available to help manage the symptoms; and

WHEREAS, research continues into the causes and possible cure and is contributing to the development of improved treatment options that can help enhance the quality of life for people affected by Parkinson's disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness and understanding of this debilitating disease.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry D. McMaster".

**HENRY DARGAN McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**