

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the mucopolysaccharidoses (MPS) are a group of inherited metabolic diseases that prevent the breakdown of complex carbohydrates due to the absence or malfunctioning of certain enzymes and result in the collection of these sugar chains in cells, blood, and connective tissue; and

WHEREAS, the accumulation of these carbohydrates causes progressive, permanent cell damage that affects a patient's appearance, physical capabilities, organ and system functions and, in most cases, mental development; and

WHEREAS, although there are several types of MPS with varying degrees of severity, affected children generally have a period of normal development followed by a deterioration of physical and/or mental functioning; and

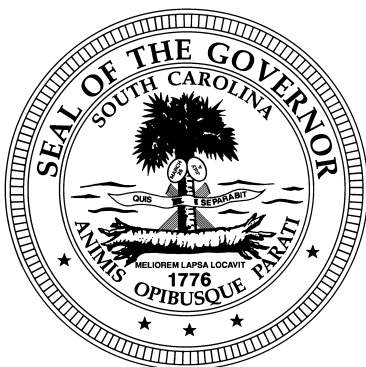
WHEREAS, there is no known cure for MPS disorders, and current medical care, including physical therapy and exercise, dietary changes, and surgery, is focused on treating systemic conditions and improving the patient's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness, research, data collection, and information distribution can help lead to the development of effective therapies and an eventual cure for this group of degenerative diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2006 as

MPS AWARENESS MONTH

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



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA