

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, alpha-1 antitrypsin is a protein that is produced by the liver and protects the lungs; and

WHEREAS, alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency (Alpha-1) is an inherited disorder that can lead to liver disease at any age and lung disease in adults; and

WHEREAS, while Alpha-1 can often be detected by a simple blood test, the disorder often goes undiagnosed, especially among individuals affected by chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or is misdiagnosed as asthma; and

WHEREAS, treatment of alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, including medication, augmentation therapy, and surgery, is designed to manage and relieve the symptoms associated with the liver and lung disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as

ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH

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



Handwritten signature of Henry McMaster in black ink.

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA