

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, approximately every three seconds someone needs blood, with patients across the country receiving an estimated 32,000 units of blood each day; and

WHEREAS, though more than 8 million people donate blood each year, our nation's blood supply needs constant replenishment because there are no substitutes or replacements for blood; and

WHEREAS, blood donors throughout South Carolina and the nation play a critical role in the delivery of quality health care to accident victims, people undergoing surgery, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer, or other diseases; and

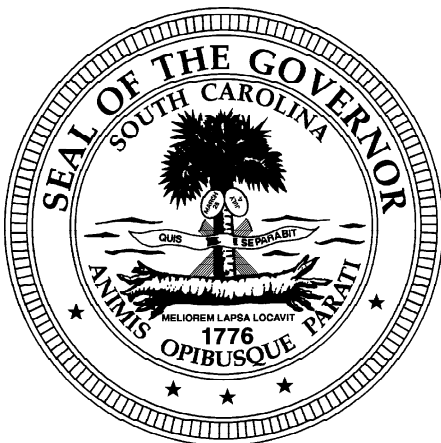
WHEREAS, donating blood is safe and simple and unquestionably saves lives; and

WHEREAS, with a theme *Give Blood...the Gift of Life*, the 2000 observance of "National Volunteer Blood Donor Month" recognizes the generous contributions of existing blood donors and encourages all citizens to donate blood during a time when it is traditionally difficult to recruit blood donors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim January, 2001, as

VOLUNTEER BLOOD DONOR MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of this valuable gift and to donate blood.



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