

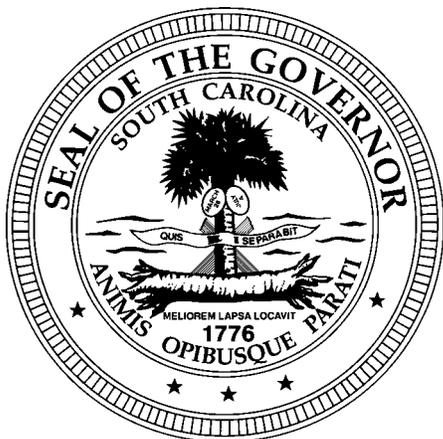
*State of South Carolina*  
*Proclamation*  
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** a woman's health reflects both her individual biology and her sociocultural, economic, and physical environments; and
- WHEREAS,** though the prominent health issues facing women vary from one ethnic group to the next, presenting different and competing risks, the greatest opportunity for reducing health disparities is to provide all people with the skills, education, and care they need to make informed health decisions; and
- WHEREAS,** partnerships with social, health, and other services help keep women healthy and safe, while promoting awareness of women's health issues; and
- WHEREAS,** incorporating simple preventative and positive health behaviors into everyday life, women can reduce their chances of disease and improve their overall well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** the annual observance of "National Women's Health Week" celebrates the extraordinary progress in women's health and recognizes that more needs to be done to safeguard the health of women for generations to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 12 - 18, 2002, as

**WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to increase knowledge and understanding of women's health issues.



*Jim Hodges*

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