

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, cystic fibrosis (CF) is the number one genetic killer in the United States, with approximately 30,000 Americans suffering from this life-threatening disease; and

WHEREAS, cystic fibrosis is characterized by digestive disorders and chronic lung infections and has been linked to fatal lung disease; and

WHEREAS, while there is currently no cure for cystic fibrosis, early detection and prompt treatment can significantly improve and extend the lives of those with this disease; and

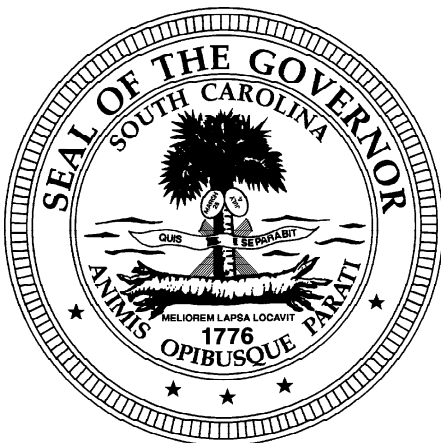
WHEREAS, recent advances in cystic fibrosis research have produced promising leads in relation to gene, protein, and drug therapies; and

WHEREAS, during the 2001 observance of "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week", citizens at over 800 sites across the nation will participate in "Great Strides Walks for a Cure for CF" in an effort to raise awareness of the symptoms and treatment of cystic fibrosis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 14 – 20, 2001, as

CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote continued research into a cure for this devastating disease.



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