

*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

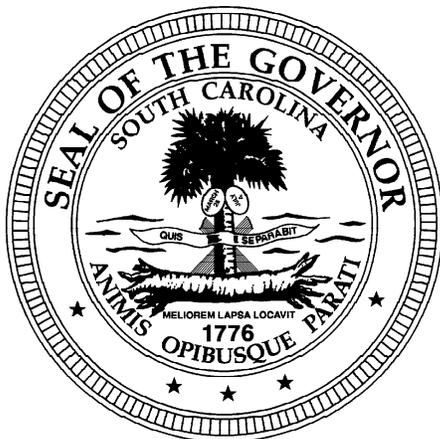
**WHEREAS,** recent advances in cystic fibrosis research have produced promising leads in relation to gene, protein, and drug therapies; and

**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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