

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, the major public health problem of alcohol and drug addiction is found in all communities, affects millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds, and has huge medical, societal, and economic costs; and

WHEREAS, chemical dependency is a treatable disease and the treatment of addiction can be as successful as the treatment of other chronic diseases; and

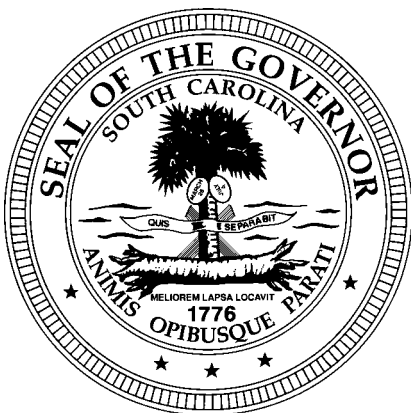
WHEREAS, addictions counselors are uniquely qualified frontline healthcare professionals who are indispensable in the process of guiding patients with addictive disorders to recovery; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of addiction-focused professionals have dedicated their lives to increasing awareness of alcohol and drug disorders and to enhancing the care of individuals, families and communities through treatment, education, and prevention programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2002, as

ADDICTIONS COUNSELOR DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the contributions made by addictions counselors to the continued health and well-being of the citizens of the Palmetto State.



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