

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

**WHEREAS,** breast and cervical cancer claim the lives of thousands of American women each year, regardless of age, race, and income; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately 2,800 women in South Carolina will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, an estimated 600 of whom will die from this devastating disease; and

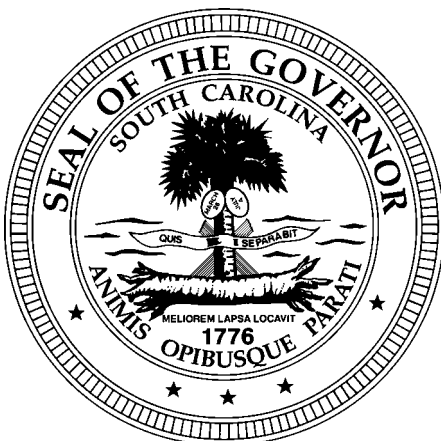
**WHEREAS,** mammograms, early detection, and modern treatments increase the chances of surviving breast cancer when caught in its early stages; and

**WHEREAS,** the annual observance of "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" provides a unique opportunity for citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation to work together to raise awareness of the symptoms, treatment, and prevention of breast cancer, while honoring the strength of those women who have or are currently battling this disease.

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

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of early detection and treatment on surviving breast and cervical cancer.



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