

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, the experience of pregnancy and the birth of a new child bring great joy into the lives of expecting parents; and

WHEREAS, tragically, approximately sixteen percent of all pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage or stillbirth, leaving families to deal with the grief of losing a child; and

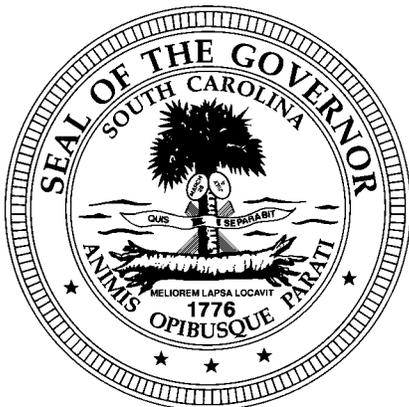
WHEREAS, information on pregnancy and infant loss and support from community members, medical professionals, funeral directors, and employers offer comfort for families striving to cope with the loss of a child; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of pregnancy and infant loss, while honoring the courage of families who have lost an unborn or newborn child, will help ease the pain of future families who experience the loss of a child.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2002, as

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to take a solemn moment to remember children lost during pregnancy or as infants and their families.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Hodges".

Jim Hodges
Governor
State of South Carolina