

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is an umbrella term of respiratory illnesses that primarily includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema; and

WHEREAS, approximately 16 million Americans suffer from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, with symptoms ranging from chronic cough to severe disabling shortness of breath; and

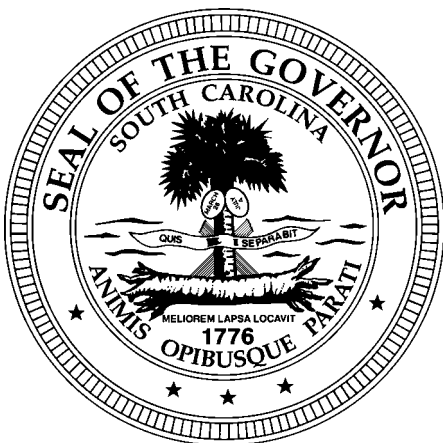
WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 observance of "Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month" provides a unique opportunity for citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation to work together to raise awareness of the symptoms and treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

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

**CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY
DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, while promoting continued research into the treatment and possible cure of this devastating disease.



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