

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, more than 6 million Americans suffer from food allergies, with symptoms including hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of Americans die each year from food-induced anaphylaxis, a sudden, severe allergic reaction caused by unknowingly eating a food to which they are allergic; and

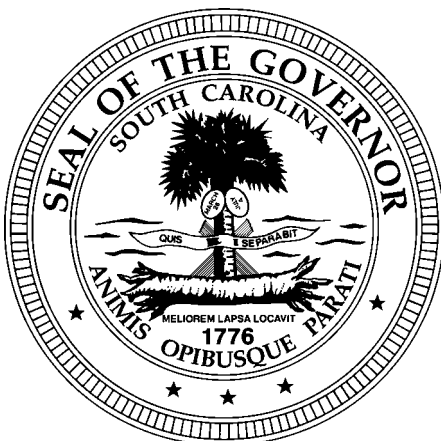
WHEREAS, because there is no cure for potentially fatal food allergies, strict avoidance of the offending food is the only way to prevent a reaction; and

WHEREAS, working to educate schools, restaurants, and the general public about the serious and potentially life-threatening nature of food allergies can reduce the chances of severe reaction and death.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 5 – 11, 2002, as

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about food allergies and anaphylaxis.



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