

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

**WHEREAS,** the last epidemic outbreak of polio (or poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis) in South Carolina was in 1954, leaving an estimated ten to twelve thousand polio survivors; and

**WHEREAS,** rehabilitation had proven successful until new symptoms, including fatigue, muscle weakness, joint and muscle pain, cold intolerance and breathing and swallowing difficulty, began to surface within the polio population twenty-five to thirty years after the original onset of the disease; and

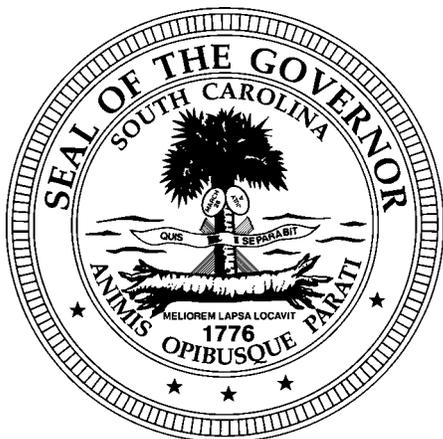
**WHEREAS,** approximately 25% of all polio survivors will fall victim to these new, debilitating symptoms referred to as post polio syndrome; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2002 observance of "Polio Awareness Week" provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of South Carolina to join together to promote research into the cause and eventual cure of post polio syndrome.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2 – 8, 2002, as

**POLIO AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise public and professional awareness of the late effects of polio and to help ensure that polio survivors throughout the Palmetto State receive high quality, effective care.



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