

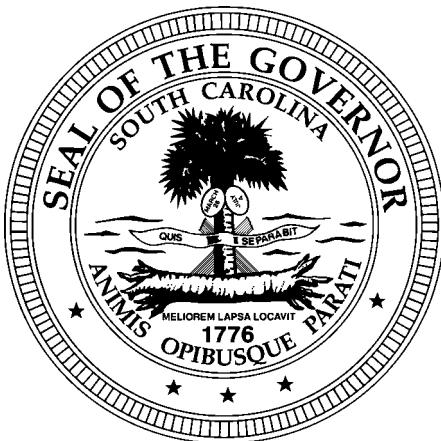
*State of South Carolina*  
*Proclamation*  
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** while 1.2 million new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in the United States this year, many of those who experience cancer will survive and live a full and productive life; and
- WHEREAS,** currently, an estimated 8.9 million Americans are cancer survivors due to advances in early cancer detection, treatment and research; and
- WHEREAS,** tragically, many Americans face barriers that prohibit equal access to cancer care; and
- WHEREAS,** the great State of South Carolina has an active, productive cancer survivor population, demonstrating that, with proper care, a cancer diagnosis is no longer an automatic death sentence; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2002 celebration of "National Cancer Survivors Day" provides a unique opportunity for citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation to participate in events designed to raise public awareness of the positive impact of early detection on the lives and families of cancer survivors.

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

**CANCER SURVIVORS DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join in this joyous celebration of life which honors cancer survivors and their families and friends for their extraordinary courage and determination.



*Jim Hodges*

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