

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

**WHEREAS,** dystonia is a neurological disorder that causes powerful, involuntary, disabling muscle spasms to twist part or all of the body; and

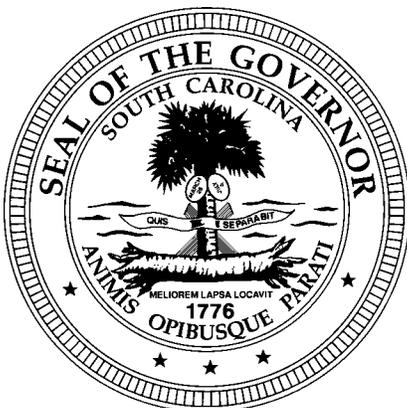
**WHEREAS,** though no cure for dystonia currently exists, treatments are designed to alleviate the symptoms of spasms, pain, and disturbed posture and functions; and

**WHEREAS,** raising public and professional awareness of this often misdiagnosed disorder helps to ensure continued progress toward determining its cause and cure.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 13 - 20, 2002, as

**DYSTONIA AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about dystonia and to aid and support those affected by this debilitating disorder throughout the Palmetto State.



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