

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, breast cancer claims the lives of thousands of American women each year, regardless of age, race, and income; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3,100 women in South Carolina will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and an estimated 600 will die from this devastating disease; and

WHEREAS, clinical breast exams, self breast exams, mammograms, and prompt treatment increase the chances of surviving breast cancer when caught in its early stages; and

WHEREAS, wearing pink ribbons during the month of October supports awareness and advocacy for breast cancer screening and early detection, while honoring the strength of those women who have or are currently battling this disease.

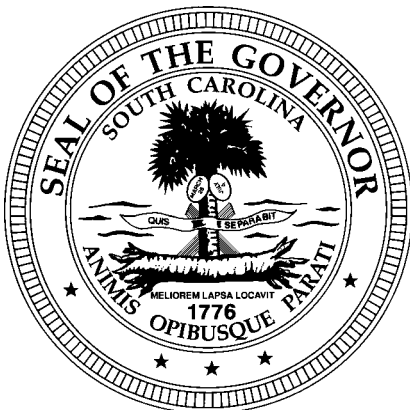
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2002 as

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and October 6 - 13, 2002, as

PINK RIBBON WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to remember that "Early Detection is the Best Protection...Every Year for Life!".



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