

*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.

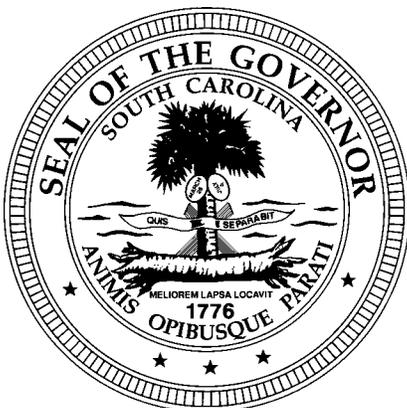
**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2002 as

**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!".



*Jim Hodges*

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**Governor**  
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