

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), or "Lou Gehrig's Disease", is a progressive, usually fatal disorder that attacks the body's nerves and muscles; and

WHEREAS, more than 5,000 Americans are diagnosed with ALS each year; and

WHEREAS, ALS is characterized by the degeneration of motor neurons, causing the muscles under their control to weaken and waste away, leading to disability, difficulty speaking and swallowing, and susceptibility to infection; and

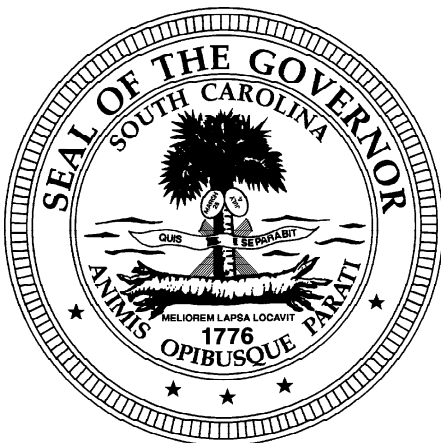
WHEREAS, while there is currently no cure for ALS, treatment aimed at relieving symptoms can be very effective; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 observance of "ALS Awareness Month" provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of the Palmetto State to join together to raise awareness of the symptoms and treatment of this disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2001, as

ALS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote research into a possible cure for this debilitating disorder.



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