

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** brachial plexus injuries affect the network of nerves that control the muscles of the shoulder, arm, elbow, wrist, hand and fingers and can result in full to partial paralysis of one or both arms; and

**WHEREAS,** though brachial plexus injuries can occur as a result of trauma such as automobile, motorcycle, or boating accidents, sports injuries, animal bites, and gunshot or puncture wounds, they most often occur during the birthing process; and

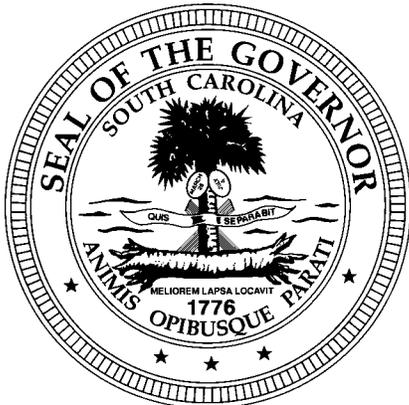
**WHEREAS,** persons affected by brachial plexus injuries experience pain in their muscles, joints and ligaments, weakness, atrophy and numbness of the affected limb, and possible respiratory difficulties; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2002 observance of "Brachial Plexus Injury Awareness Week" helps raise awareness of the prevention and treatment of brachial plexus injury.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 13 – 19, 2002, as

## **BRACHIAL PLEXUS INJURY AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about brachial plexus injuries for the continued health of the citizens of the Palmetto State.



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