

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, brain injury is South Carolina's fastest-growing category of disability, with devastating effects on survivors and their families; and

WHEREAS, each year, citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation sustain brain injuries with many suffering permanent brain damage that prevents them from returning to a normal lifestyle; and

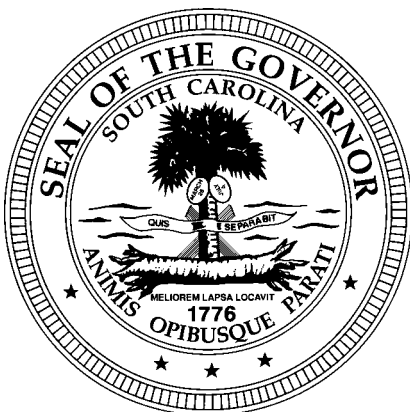
WHEREAS, because brain injuries can result from a variety of causes, including vehicle accidents, gunshots, child abuse, and falls, sustained prevention efforts greatly reduce the risk and severity of brain trauma and death; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 observance of "Brain Injury Awareness Month" provides a unique opportunity for citizens throughout the Palmetto State to work together to raise awareness of how to prevent brain injuries and to reinforce the importance of quality rehabilitation and education programs for brain trauma survivors.

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

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and honor the courage and perseverance of brain injury survivors and their families while working together to prevent brain injuries.



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