

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, more than 43 million Americans of all ages live with the pain and limitations of arthritis; and

WHEREAS, arthritis affects approximately one-third of all South Carolinians; and

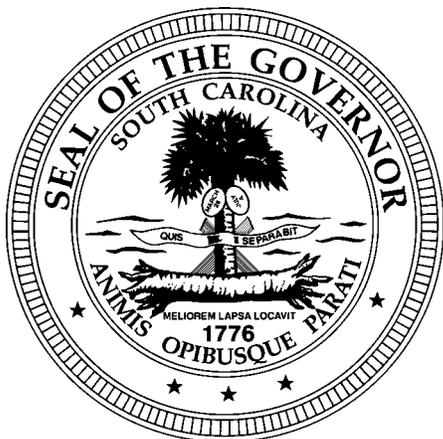
WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and the Arthritis Foundation are dedicated to encouraging the citizens of the Palmetto State to be screened for arthritis, while providing them with arthritis education and services; and

WHEREAS, working together to raise awareness of the prevention and treatment of arthritis helps ensure the continued well-being and quality of life of the citizens of the Palmetto State.

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

ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the prevention and treatment of arthritis through quality care and services.



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