

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease includes a large number of respiratory illnesses that primarily includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans suffer from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, with symptoms ranging from chronic cough to severe disabling shortness of breath, while millions more remain undiagnosed; and

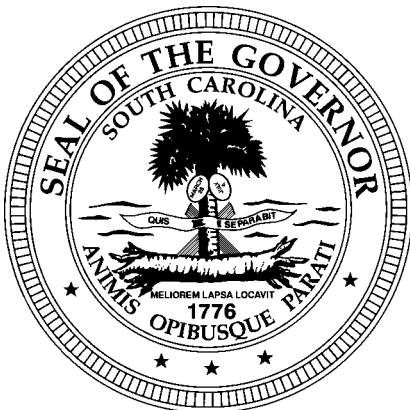
WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 observance of "Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month" provides a unique opportunity for citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation to work together to raise awareness of the symptoms and treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

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

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, while promoting continued research into the treatment and possible cure of this devastating category of disease.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jim Hodges". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Jim Hodges
Governor
State of South Carolina