

State of South Carolina Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, estimates indicate that 2000 South Carolinians will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2001, approximately 800 of whom will die from this devastating disease; and

WHEREAS, because colorectal cancer usually has no identifiable symptoms, it often remains undetected, despite the availability of effective screening tests; and

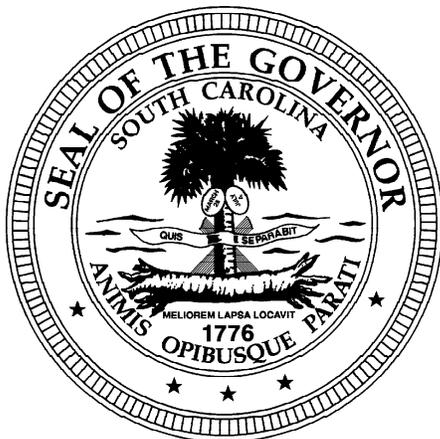
WHEREAS, colorectal cancer can be prevented through the early detection and removal of pre-cancerous polyps that may be present in the colon for years before invasive cancer develops; and

WHEREAS, by continuing to support colorectal cancer research, raising awareness of risk factors for this disease, promoting the widespread adoption of regular screening, and encouraging everyone to exercise regularly, we can dramatically reduce the risk of colorectal cancer and save lives.

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

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of early detection and education in preventing colorectal cancer.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Hodges".

Jim Hodges
Governor
State of South Carolina