

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, the last epidemic outbreak of polio (or poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis) in South Carolina was in 1954, leaving an estimated ten to twelve thousand polio survivors; and

WHEREAS, rehabilitation had proven successful until new symptoms, including fatigue, muscle weakness, joint and muscle pain, cold intolerance and breathing and swallowing difficulty, began to surface within the polio population twenty-five to thirty years after the original onset of the disease; and

WHEREAS, approximately 25% of all polio survivors will fall victim to these new, debilitating symptoms referred to as post polio syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 observance of "National Polio Week" provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of South Carolina to join together to promote research into the cause and eventual cure of post polio syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 3 – 9, 2001, as

POLIO AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise public and professional awareness of the late effects of polio and to help ensure that polio survivors throughout the Palmetto State receive high quality, effective care.



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