

*State of South Carolina*  
*Proclamation*  
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** problems created by the use of alcohol and other drugs affect individuals, families, and businesses in every community of the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS,** when untreated, alcohol and other drug-related problems can destroy lives, devastate families, jeopardize relationships and shatter careers; and
- WHEREAS,** substance abuse puts millions of adolescents throughout the nation at risk for alcohol and drug-related traffic accidents, juvenile delinquency, and developmental problems that can detrimentally affect their future success; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 310,000 South Carolinians are currently experiencing problems with alcohol and other drugs that warrant immediate intervention and treatment, approximately 60,000 of whom are between the ages of 12 and 17; and
- WHEREAS,** effective treatment services benefit individuals, families, communities and businesses by working to develop more healthy, well-adjusted, productive and self-sufficient citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** South Carolina's statewide system of 34 county alcohol and drug abuse authorities has provided treatment services to more than one million citizens of the Palmetto State since 1973, representing our long-term commitment to addressing the problem of substance abuse in our communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2001 observance of "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month" provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of the Palmetto State to work together to help adolescents and adults with substance abuse problems lead healthier, happier, more productive lives.

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

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the benefits of alcohol and drug addiction treatment in ensuring the health and quality of life of the citizens of the Palmetto State.



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