

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

**WHEREAS,** Certified Nursing Assistants are invaluable to the health, safety, and well-being of our citizens, particularly disabled and elderly persons throughout the Palmetto State; and

**WHEREAS,** as important members of the health care team, Certified Nursing Assistants provide basic nursing and personal care to help long term care residents perform daily tasks; and

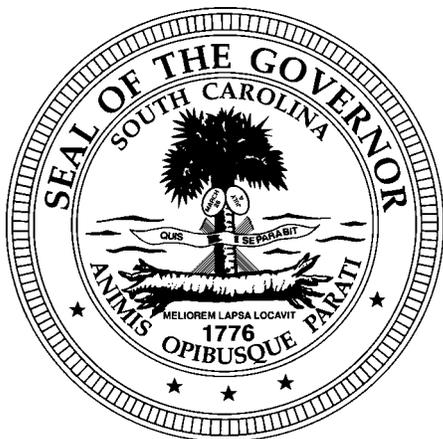
**WHEREAS,** Certified Nursing Assistants recognize the diversity of residents' health care needs and strive to respect each patient's dignity and independence; and

**WHEREAS,** by providing life enhancing care, education, activities, and emotional support to residents and their families, Certified Nursing Assistants are truly the "Heart of the Home" in long term care facilities throughout South Carolina and the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2002, as

**CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize Certified Nursing Assistants for their many contributions to the health and quality of life of the citizens of the Palmetto State.



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