

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Deficiency is a genetic disease that affects the lungs of young adults and the livers of infants and older adults; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in every 37 people in the United States carry the gene that causes Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Deficiency; and

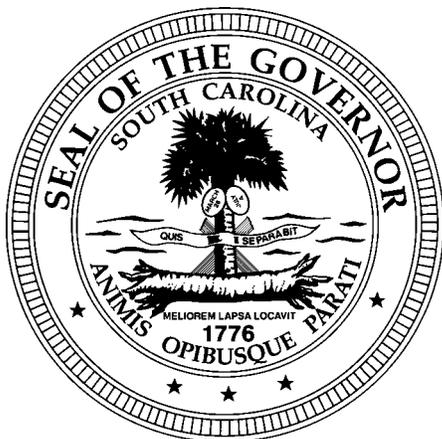
WHEREAS, Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Deficiency is the most common genetic disease for which liver transplants are performed in newborns; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 observance of "Alpha 1 Awareness Month" provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of the Palmetto State to work together to raise awareness of the effects and treatment of Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Deficiency and to promote research dedicated to the control and cure of this devastating disease.

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

ALPHA 1 AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of this disease and to honor the courage and perseverance of individuals and their families with Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Deficiency throughout the Palmetto State.



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