

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, asthma is a serious respiratory disease that causes attacks or spasms during which airways constrict, resulting in severe breathing difficulties; and

WHEREAS, despite good air quality and an abundance of clean air in the Palmetto State, approximately 205,000 South Carolinians suffer from asthma; and

WHEREAS, asthma is the leading serious chronic disease found among children and one of the top causes of preventable deaths, hospitalizations and school absences due to a chronic disease; and

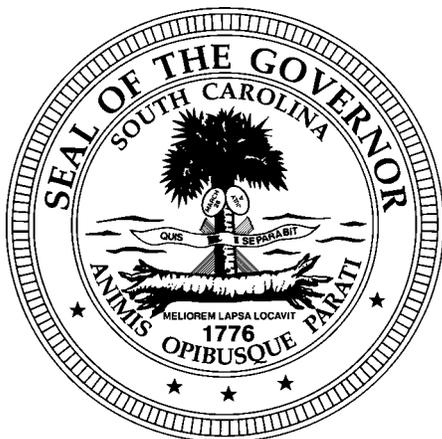
WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the South Carolina Asthma Planning Alliance, and other health organizations throughout the Palmetto State are committed to reducing the mortality rate due to asthma and to improving the quality of life of our citizens living with asthma; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 observance of "World Asthma Day" provides a unique opportunity to join together to educate the public about this disease and to promote efforts to control and cure asthma.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2002, as

ASTHMA AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about asthma for the continued health and well-being of our citizens.



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