

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** glaucoma is an eye disease that occurs when fluid is prevented from draining from the eye due to a blockage; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately 80,000 Americans are legally blind from glaucoma and many more are vision-impaired from this disease; and

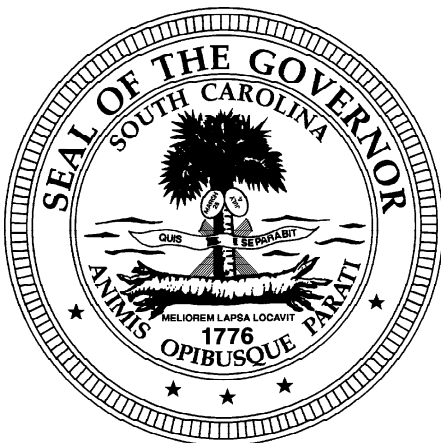
**WHEREAS,** early detection and appropriate, effective treatment can prevent vision loss from glaucoma; and

**WHEREAS,** during the 2001 observance of National Eye Care Month, the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the South Carolina Society of Ophthalmology, and the Eye M.D.s of the United States of America will sponsor events designed to communicate this important message to the public – “SEE! Protect your eyes from glaucoma, the sneak thief of sight”.

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

## **SOUTH CAROLINA EYE CARE MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise public awareness of the importance of quality medical eye care to the prevention of glaucoma and to the continued healthy vision of citizens throughout the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Hodges".

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