

# *State of South Carolina*

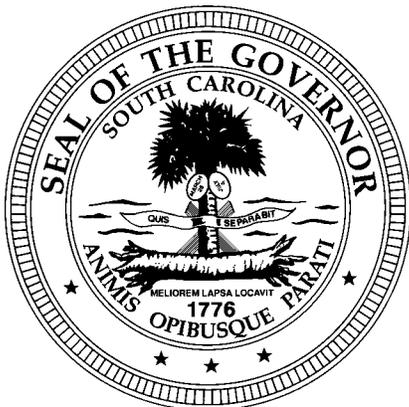
## *Proclamation*

*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome (RSD) is an extremely painful neuromuscular disease which affects countless people in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** RSD results from injury or trauma to a nerve or soft tissue and can simultaneously affect the nerves, muscles, blood vessels, skin, joints and bones in progressively severe stages; and
- WHEREAS,** estimates indicate that 5% of all injuries or traumas may result in RSD, with excruciating pain as the one symptom most frequently associated with this disorder; and
- WHEREAS,** while the cause and cure of this disorder are unknown, RSD is treatable with prescription drugs, physical therapy, occupational therapy and emotional therapy; and
- WHEREAS,** early detection and treatment are vital to preventing the disabling effects of RSD, which in its most severe stages can result in total dysfunction of an extremity and the entire body; and
- WHEREAS,** with increased medical awareness and greater understanding of RSD, early detection and treatment can reduce the physical, emotional and financial effects on its victims.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2002 as

## **REFLEX SYMPATHETIC DYSTROPHY SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the impact of Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome on its victims and to show their support by taking an active role in promoting early detection and treatment.



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