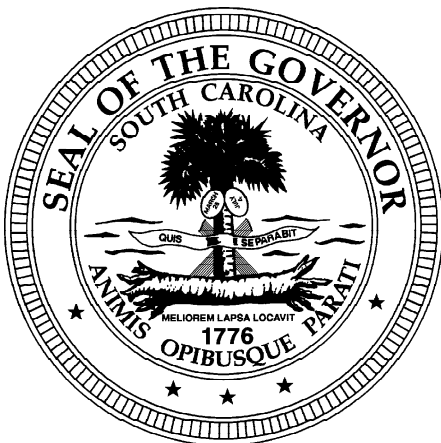


*State of South Carolina*  
*Proclamation*  
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** the more than 10,000 physicians currently licensed to practice medicine in South Carolina are committed to alleviating human suffering through their leadership in the prevention and treatment of illness and injury; and
- WHEREAS,** more than the application of science and technology, medicine is a special calling, and the reverence for human life and individual dignity embodied by physicians throughout the Palmetto State is the key to truly beneficial advances in medicine; and
- WHEREAS,** Doctors' Day is observed nationally each year on March 30 - the day Crawford W. Long, M.D., first used ether anesthesia in surgery in 1842 - to celebrate those men and women who study long years, labor long hours, and often sacrifice time with their families for the good of the patient; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2001 observance of Doctors' Day provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of the Palmetto State to honor our doctors for their commitment to productive patient relationships, quality medical care, stringent medical ethics, and the best health education.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2001, as

**DOCTORS' DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions made by South Carolina's doctors to the betterment of public health.



*Jim Hodges*

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**Governor**  
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