

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, lead poisoning is a major preventable environmental health problem faced by children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, each year, over 300 children are diagnosed with lead poisoning in the State of South Carolina; and

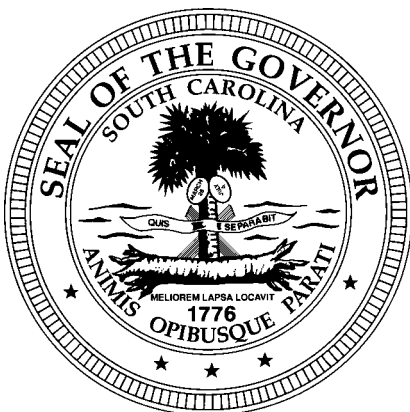
WHEREAS, even at low and moderate levels, lead poisoning can cause decreased intelligence, shortened attention span, hyperactivity, aggressive behavior, reading and learning disabilities, and other developmental problems; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 observance of "Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week" provides an opportunity to work together to ensure that children throughout South Carolina and the nation learn, develop, grow and mature in an environment free from the harmful effects of lead.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 20 - 26, 2002, as

CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the detrimental effects of lead poisoning.



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