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National Social Hygiene Day

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WHEREAS, the great prevalence of syphilis and gonorrhea in our nation in peace time is a shocking threat to the public health, to the stability of family life and to the welfare of our young people, and

WHEREAS, this menace, reversing the downward trend won through unified action during wartime, threatens the United States today, despite the scientific advances in treatment methods unequaled in medical history, and

WHEREAS, experience has shown that victory over any threat to the public health depends largely on the determined support of an informed and aroused public.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do proclaim Wednesday, February 5, 1947, as a day for observing NATIONAL SOCIAL HYGIENE DAY in each of the communities of this STATE, and I do call on all citizens and official and voluntary agencies, to study existing social hygiene problems, and to increase efforts toward their full solution.

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State of South Carolina, in the City of Columbia this 27th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor