

P R O C L A M A T I O N

Because a weary world is struggling to bind up its wounds in the wake of a great war, the social conscience of all people has been awakened to many appeals from abroad and the response has been generous in a world-wide crusade to save the starving, the destitute and the homeless.

In the press of so many worthwhile demands upon us--our services and our finances--we must not lose our perspective and fail to recognize that in this nation too, there are worthy appeals that must not be overlooked.

One of the most important is the campaign against disease in this country. Throughout American, and particularly within this State, our people are waging a valiant fight against one of the worst killers of all -- Cancer.

Because Cancer has taken an ever-increasing number of lives each year, and will kill more than 180,000 Americans in 1947 alone, it is imperative that all of us awaken to the menace of Cancer, and unite in attempting to eradicate this dread disease from our land.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of April 1947 as

CANCER CONTROL MONTH

and it is my request that the people of South Carolina support to the fullest the American Cancer Society in its campaign of education research and service.

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State of South Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Columbia, this 13th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty seven

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor

W.L. Daniel, Jr., Secretary