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A PROCLAMATION

(Cancer Control Month)

WHEREAS, cancer is a disease which was old when the empires of Alexander and Caesar were young, and

WHEREAS, cancer affects all plant and animal life and its lethal touch is felt in one of every two American homes, and

WHEREAS, in 1947 cancer killed 188,000 Americans, including approximately one South Carolinian every six hours, and

WHEREAS, laboratories in recent years have developed several promising leads to the secret of cancer and have already shown that some measure of control can be exercised over it, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society's program of research, education, and service is saving lives, and

WHEREAS, there is a great need for the expansion of this program, and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of each citizen to employ some of his time, his talents, his energies, and his money for the benefit of his community in the mighty campaign to conquer cancer,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do hereby designate and proclaim the month of April, 1948, as Cancer Control Month and urge the people of South Carolina to support to the fullest the American Cancer Society's campaign of research, education, and service.

Given under my hand and seal
this 5th day of March in the
year of our Lord, nineteen
hundred and forty-eight.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor

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