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A PROCLAMATION
(National Heart Week)

WHEREAS, disease of the heart and blood vessels constitutes our Nation's most important medical and public health problem in that it affects more persons than any other disease and leads all others as a cause of death; and,

WHEREAS, the week including February 14 each year is being sponsored by the American Heart Association as National Heart Week for the purpose of focusing public attention on the medical, social and economic aspects of this primary health problem, and of reminding the Nation that solution depends upon the fullest cooperation of the people, science, government, and health and welfare agencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina do hereby order that the week beginning February 14, 1949 be observed in the State of South Carolina as National Heart Week. I further call upon schools, churches, scientific bodies, civic associations, business establishments, and other organizations and the people of the State of South Carolina generally, to observe this National Heart Week with appropriate activities.

Given under my hand and seal this 21st day of January, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor