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

(Cancer Control Month)

WHEREAS the tide of cancer continues to mount relentlessly throughout this State and the nation, and

WHEREAS even the most pessimistic prior estimates of cancer deaths during recent years have fallen far short of the eventual number of cancer fatalities, and

WHEREAS at long last, modern science has been mobilized against this ancient disease in scores of the nation's finest laboratories employing the keenest minds, and

WHEREAS basic science is providing an ever-more-powerful array of weapons to beat this disease, and

WHEREAS medicine has demonstrated a vast improvement in the techniques of diagnosis and treatment of cancer, and

WHEREAS a beachhead has been established against this formidable enemy of all humans, because a considerable part of our citizenry have dedicated some of their time, their talents and their money to the American Cancer Society's program of research, education, and service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 1949, as CANCER CONTROL MONTH, and I ask that the people of South Carolina lend their full support to the mighty effort now being made by the American Cancer Society to defeat this disease.

Given under my hand and seal
this _____ day of February,
in the Year of Our Lord,
Nineteen Hundred and Forty-
Nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor

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