

A P R O C L A M A T I O N
(Easter Seal Month)

WHEREAS, it is reported there are in the United States today 26,000,000 crippled persons of all ages, and that about 372,000 of this number are within our own state of South Carolina, and

WHEREAS, it is the right of every child to have an opportunity for a happy, healthy childhood and an adulthood in which the rewards of effort are self-sustenance and integration into our economy, and this right can only be exercised by crippled children when they have had the best available care and guidance, and

WHEREAS, it is our duty and privilege as citizens of this state, to offer a helping hand to those less fortunate than ourselves in the spirit of warm-hearted brotherliness, and

WHEREAS, the specialized services of rehabilitation, medical and educational aid are being ably given the crippled of our state by the Crippled Children Society of South Carolina, and these services are necessarily costly and their adequate support is of paramount importance to every citizen of this state, and

WHEREAS, the annual Easter Seal Drive of the Crippled Children Society of South Carolina and its affiliated units is the chief source of support for its multiple services,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim the month of March 9 to April 9 as EASTER SEAL MONTH and urge all citizens to support this drive and thus help our handicapped children find their rightful place in our world.

Given under my hand and seal
this 7th day of March in the
Year of our Lord, Nineteen
Hundred and Fifty.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor