

A P R O C L A M A T I O N  
(Cancer Control Month)

WHEREAS, cancer last year claimed the lives of approximately 1400 persons in this State and over 200,000 in the nation; and

WHEREAS, medical authorities estimate that half of those who develop cancer should be saved today by early diagnosis and prompt, proper treatment, and

WHEREAS, the fate of millions now living who will have cancer depends on the work of a few hundred research scientists, and

WHEREAS, high-minded volunteers led by the American Cancer Society seek to spread information and to raise funds for research, education and service, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society declares that knowledge of the cancer danger signals and of the value of periodic physical examinations may save thousands of lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 1950, as CANCER CONTROL MONTH and I ask the people of South Carolina to learn facts about cancer for their own protection and to rally for the good of all of us in support of the 1950 Cancer Crusade.

Given under my hand and seal  
this 13th day of March in the  
Year of Our Lord, Nineteen  
Hundred and Fifty.

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J. Strom Thurmond, Governor