

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens, and other landmark areas throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable natural resources; and

**WHEREAS,** public lands throughout the Palmetto State provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for education, wildlife appreciation, and recreation, while promoting shared stewardship of our environment; and

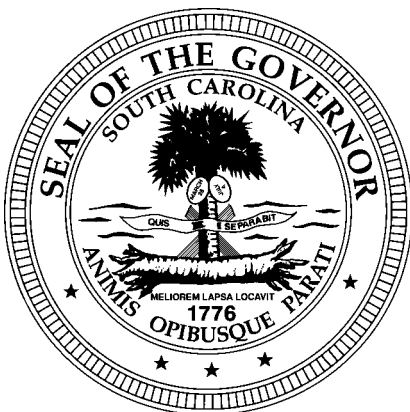
**WHEREAS,** working together to promote land conservation, planned development, shared land use, and restoration and enhancement efforts help to ensure the preservation of wildlife areas and natural habitats for future generations; and

**WHEREAS,** during the 2002 celebration of "National Public Lands Day", volunteers throughout South Carolina and the nation will donate their time restoring and enhancing federal, state, and local public lands.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2002, as

## **PUBLIC LANDS DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of protecting and preserving our public lands now and for future generations.



*Jim Hodges*

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