

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, the average American child watches approximately 20 hours of television each week; and

WHEREAS, while certain television programs have useful applications, heavy viewing may induce cognitive passivity, stifle creativity, reflection and imagination, displace opportunities for play and social interaction, shorten attention spans and increase hyperactivity; and

WHEREAS, excessive television viewing can preempt physical activity and exercise, while discouraging family interaction, reading, and volunteering; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 observance of National TV-Turnoff Week provides a unique opportunity for citizens throughout the Palmetto State to voluntarily reduce the amount of television they watch in an effort to promote richer and healthier lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 23 – 29, 2001, as

TV-TURNOFF WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to turn off their televisions for one week, in an effort to spend quality time with their families.



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