

State of South Carolina

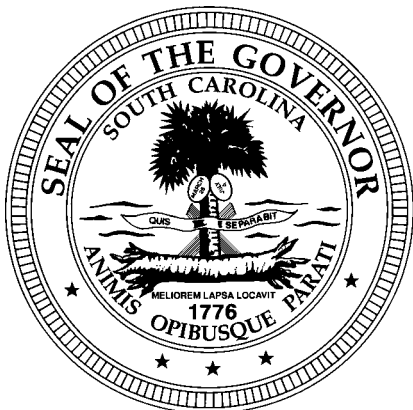
Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

- WHEREAS,** the Darlington Raceway will host the 53rd running of the Mountain Dew Southern 500 stock car race on Sunday, September 1, 2002; and
- WHEREAS,** the Darlington Raceway, built in 1949 by Darlington native Harold Brasington, is NASCAR's original superspeedway and has come to be known as the track "Too Tough To Tame"; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mountain Dew Southern 500 is the largest single sporting event held in South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** the Palmetto State is pleased to welcome NASCAR Champions, Rusty Wallace and Ward Burton, to kick-off this weekend's race festivities at the Governor's Mansion; and
- WHEREAS,** exhibits will be on display during this reception for NASCAR officials, including race cars, the pace car and the Richard Petty Driving Experience; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mountain Dew Southern 500 creates a spirit of excitement throughout our state and is one of our most cherished events of the year.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 29, 2002, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the tremendous impact stock car racing has on our state both economically and socially and to enjoy a great weekend of racing in Darlington.



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