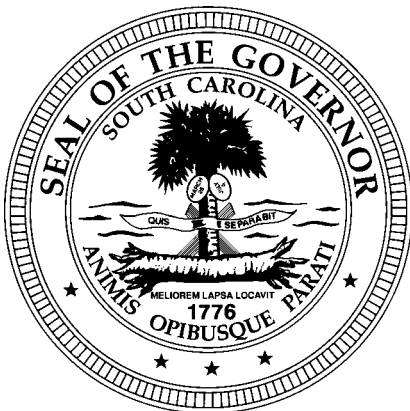


State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

- WHEREAS,** earthquakes can pose a real threat to the citizens of the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS,** "Every Season is Earthquake Season" in South Carolina since earthquakes can occur at any time of the year; and
- WHEREAS,** while we have been fortunate enough not to have had a major earthquake in our state in many years, the fault lines that run through South Carolina make us particularly vulnerable; and
- WHEREAS,** an earthquake similar in intensity to the one that occurred in 1886, with an epicenter near Charleston, would today be catastrophic in nature and would cause great loss of life and destruction of property; and
- WHEREAS,** increasing public awareness of South Carolina's earthquake hazard and heightening public knowledge of safety measures to take before, during, and after an earthquake can help save lives, protect property, and reduce damages and injuries; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2002 Statewide Earthquake Drill on November 6 provides a unique opportunity for citizens across the Palmetto State to work together to promote earthquake safety and preparedness.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 3-9, 2002, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to become more informed of the hazards and threat of earthquakes, to take whatever steps necessary to make homes, schools, business, and public places as earthquake-safe as possible, and to support increased public information and awareness programs on earthquake safety.



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