

*State of South Carolina*  
*Proclamation*  
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** our nation's veterans put their lives on the line to protect and preserve the American values of freedom and democracy; and

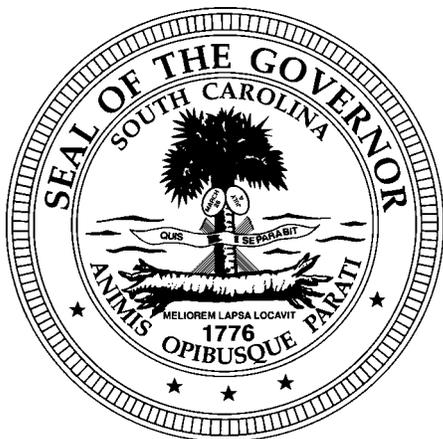
**WHEREAS,** the outstanding patriotism of the South Carolina Elks Association of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is embodied in its members' commitment to serving veterans who are hospitalized or in nursing homes throughout the Palmetto State, sponsoring games and providing entertainment, arts and crafts kits, magazines, and books; and

**WHEREAS,** through their dedication to remembering our country's veterans, Elks throughout South Carolina and the nation uphold the highest standards of community service by replacing feelings of isolation with understanding and kindness through volunteerism.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2001, as

**ELKS VETERANS REMEMBRANCE MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor hospitalized veterans for their many contributions to the American tradition of military service and to recognize the positive impact of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks on their continued well-being and quality of life.



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