

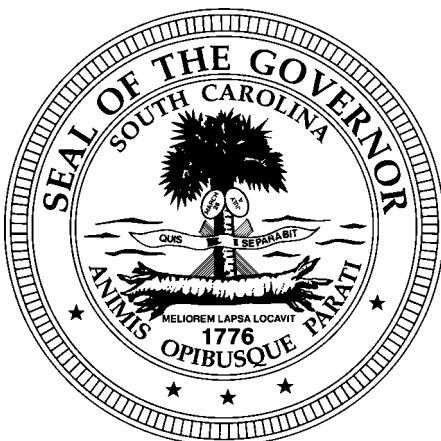
*State of South Carolina*  
*Proclamation*  
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** young people who use drugs are less likely to excel academically and prolonged users can suffer serious repercussions that impair their future success; and
- WHEREAS,** educating young people about the dangers associated with the use and abuse of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs contributes to strengthening their resistance skills when faced with difficult choices about drug use and to reinforcing social attitudes against substance abuse; and
- WHEREAS,** the Red Ribbon Celebration began in 1988 in honor of slain DEA Agent, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who lost his life in the fight against drugs; and
- WHEREAS,** each year during the Red Ribbon Celebration, millions of young people and adults throughout South Carolina and the nation celebrate a healthy, drug-free life by wearing or displaying a Red Ribbon, while working to raise public awareness and mobilize communities to combat alcohol and drug use among youth; and
- WHEREAS,** Red Ribbon programs throughout the Palmetto State have contributed to declining rates of drug use and abuse among the young people of South Carolina, highlighting the positive impact of efforts to keep our kids safe and drug free; and
- WHEREAS,** in recognition of the 2001 observance of "Red Ribbon Week", businesses, schools, religious institutions, neighborhoods and communities across the State of South Carolina will participate in events designed to raise public awareness of the importance of substance abuse prevention to the future success and well-being of our young people.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim  
October 23 – 31, 2001, as

**RED RIBBON WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to educate their children about the dangers of drug use.



*Jim Hodges*

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**Governor**  
**State of South Carolina**