

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

**WHEREAS,** firefighters are the brave men and women who risk their lives to ensure the safety of our citizens and their property; and

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina's firefighters contribute significantly to the continued well-being of the citizens of the Palmetto State through their outstanding commitment to community service; and

**WHEREAS,** for the past 47 years, firefighters throughout South Carolina and the nation have joined the Muscular Dystrophy Association in the fight against neuromuscular diseases, raising more than \$15 million to support this worthy cause; and

**WHEREAS,** sponsored by the Muscular Dystrophy Association, "South Carolina Firefighter Appreciation Month" honors the efforts of South Carolina's firefighters to keep our citizens safe and to help raise awareness of neuromuscular diseases.

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

**SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER  
APPRECIATION MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor our firefighters for their many contributions to the American tradition of public service.



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