

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

**WHEREAS,** DECA – An Association of Marketing Students is a national career and technology organization for students preparing for entrepreneurial, marketing, or management careers; and

**WHEREAS,** DECA is committed to fostering partnerships between America's leading businesses and marketing educators to better meet corporate needs and the needs of DECA members; and

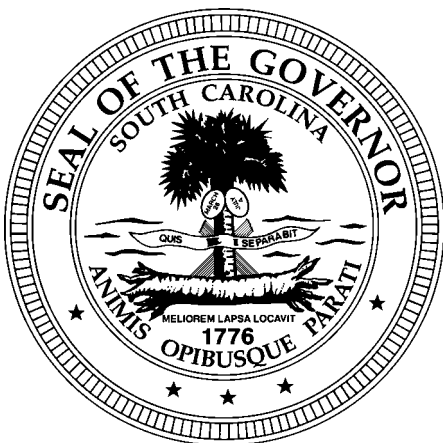
**WHEREAS,** DECA helps students develop the skills, knowledge, and attitude necessary for future success by providing teachers and members with educational and leadership development activities, utilizing on the job experience, and offering a program of competency based competitive events in specific marketing occupational areas; and

**WHEREAS,** DECA's commitment to school-to-work as a national effort to better prepare young people and adults for the work force has earned them recognition by the United States Department of Education and the National School-to-Work office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 21 – 27, 2001, as

**DECA WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions made by DECA to the future success of the young people of the Palmetto State.



*Jim Hodges*

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