

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

**WHEREAS,** the young people of the Palmetto State are our most valuable assets; and

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina's public and private sectors are committed to helping all of our state's youth find the right path in life and are working to effectively meet the challenges of today's youth; and

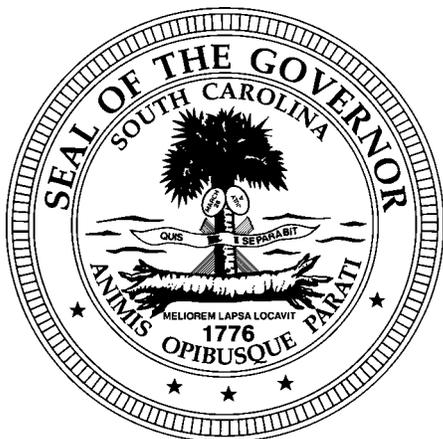
**WHEREAS,** "Youth Leadership Day" 2002 is designed to empower young people to make good decisions and serve as positive peer influences through community service and action; and

**WHEREAS,** in recognition of the 2002 celebration of "Youth Leadership Day", the South Carolina Departments of Juvenile Justice, Education, and Health and Environmental Control will organize events throughout the Palmetto State under the theme "You + Action = Leadership!".

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2002, as

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to prepare today's youth for the challenges of tomorrow.



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