

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

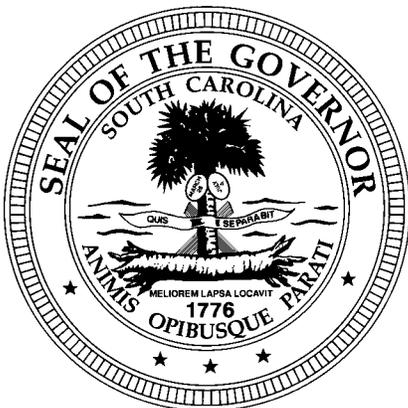
by
Governor Jim Hodges

- WHEREAS,** conserving our state's aquatic resources is one of the most important responsibilities we have to this and future generations of South Carolinians; and
- WHEREAS,** the future of South Carolina's fishing heritage depends upon raising public awareness of and participation in outdoor activities and upon conserving our state's aquatic resources; and
- WHEREAS,** anglers and boaters are among South Carolina's most avid environmentalists, historically supporting laws to stop the uncontrolled exploitation of fish and helping to establish state fish and wildlife agencies to implement needed conservation programs; and
- WHEREAS,** conservation programs supported and financed by anglers and boaters have benefited hundreds of wildlife species, including largemouth bass, striped bass, and red drum; and
- WHEREAS,** the annual observance of "National Fishing and Boating Week" provides a unique opportunity for citizens of the Palmetto State to participate in outdoor angling and boating activities designed to promote stewardship and resource conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 1 – 9, 2002, as

FISHING AND BOATING WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the efforts of anglers, boaters, and conservationists throughout the Palmetto State to ensure the wise use and proper management of our aquatic resources.



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