

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

**WHEREAS,** the health of our nation's infrastructure directly affects our continued economic stability and quality of life because we must have good roads, bridges, schools, ports, and water in order to compete in the global economy; and

**WHEREAS,** President John F. Kennedy proclaimed the first "National Public Works Week" in 1960 to recognize the people who devote their professional time and energy to public works, making our communities better and safer places to live; and

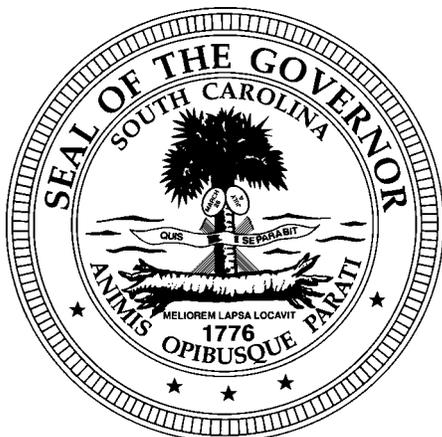
**WHEREAS,** the annual observance of "National Public Works Week" is designed to inform and educate citizens of the importance of Municipal Public Works Departments in providing clean drinking water, treatment of wastewater, public improvements, and safe, well maintained streets; and

**WHEREAS,** under the theme "Committed to Our Communities", the 2002 celebration of "National Public Works Week" provides a unique opportunity for citizens throughout the Palmetto State to honor public works professionals in South Carolina for their efforts to provide quality public works goods and services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 19 – 25, 2002, as

**PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions made by public works professionals to the continued economic growth and quality of life of the citizens of the Palmetto State.



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