

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation deserve to be safe and free from the threat of violence in their homes, schools, and communities; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers and emergency service personnel throughout the Palmetto State are committed to ensuring the continued safety of our citizens, working daily to apprehend criminals and prevent crime; and

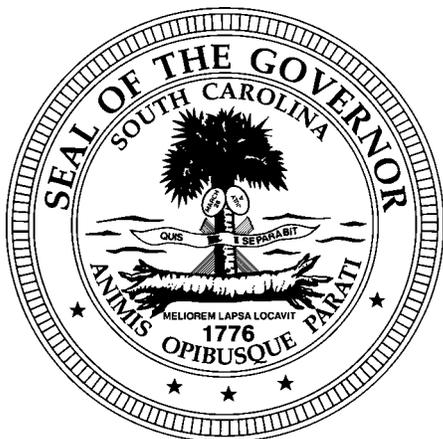
WHEREAS, the 2002 observance of "Stop the Violence Month" provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of South Carolina to join together to raise awareness of violence in our schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, working together to enact and enforce laws to curb violence in our communities and to promote non-violence and prevention, we can reduce the incidence of crime and violence throughout South Carolina and the nation.

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

STOP THE VIOLENCE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of safe, non-violent environments to the continued prosperity and well-being of the citizens of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Hodges".

Jim Hodges
Governor
State of South Carolina