

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, Paramount's Carowinds theme park is celebrating its 30th season as the premiere venue for family entertainment in the Carolinas, with 2002 marking service to more than 40 million guests throughout its three-decade history in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, Paramount's Carowinds has been, and continues to be, a vital part of South Carolina's tourism industry, employing more than 80,000 individuals and expanding the park through capital improvements and additions in excess of \$108 million in the past 30 years; and

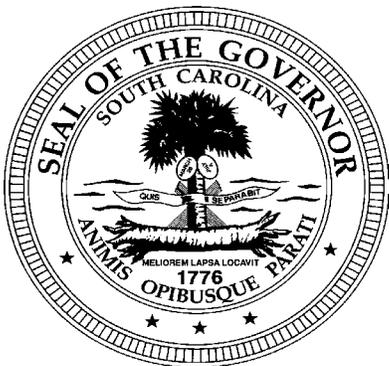
WHEREAS, in 2001, attendance at Paramount's Carowinds was 1.85 million, with nearly one million people visiting the park from outside of the 12 county Rock Hill/Charlotte region; and

WHEREAS, with 105 acres of theme park, including rides for all ages, food, a water park, and an amphitheatre, Paramount's Carowinds offers fun for the entire family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2002, as

PARAMOUNT'S CAROWINDS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize Paramount's Carowinds for its many contributions to our tourism industry and to the availability of quality, family entertainment for our citizens.



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