

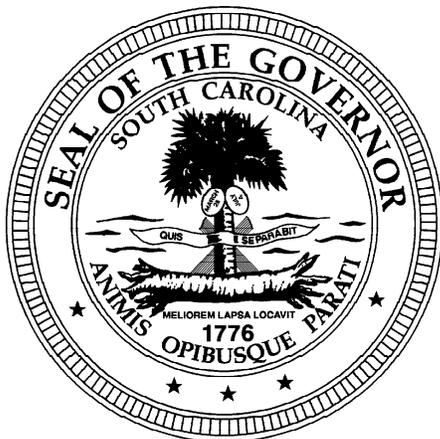
*State of South Carolina*  
*Proclamation*  
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** public safety telecommunications professionals are knowledgeable and highly trained individuals who work closely with other police, fire, and medical personnel to provide the radio, telephone, computer and other communication services that keep our communities secure and our neighborhoods safe; and
- WHEREAS,** public safety telecommunications professionals manage vital government communications in areas such as highway safety, road maintenance, forestry, and conservation and help to ensure the smooth operation of public utilities and other services that affect the health and safety of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** each day, thousands of Americans dial 911 for help in emergencies ranging from house fires and automobile accidents to heart attacks and child poisonings; and
- WHEREAS,** the men and women who answer these calls for help, gathering essential information and dispatching the appropriate assistance, can often make the difference between life and death for persons in need; and
- WHEREAS,** because emergencies can strike at any time, we rely on the vigilance and the preparedness of public safety telecommunications professionals 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to ensure the continued health and safety of citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 8 – 14, 2001, as

**TELECOMMUNICATORS' WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the remarkable efforts of public safety telecommunications professionals in South Carolina in saving countless lives and keeping our citizens safe.



*Jim Hodges*

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