

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

*by*

*Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** a high quality education is essential to the development of South Carolina's young people into responsible adults and productive citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** tragically, many young people drop out of school before completing a high school education, making it more difficult for them to secure high-paying jobs in the global marketplace; and

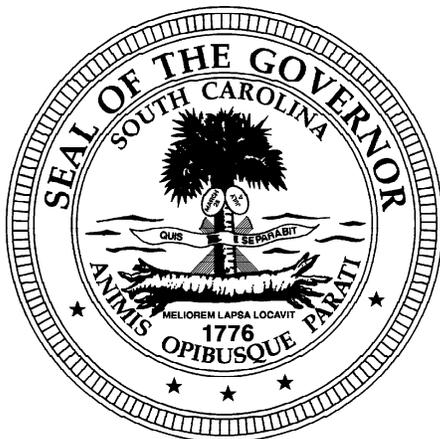
**WHEREAS,** Stay in School, Inc. is committed to raising awareness of the benefits of staying in school among the young people of the Palmetto State; and

**WHEREAS,** the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Stay in School Celebrity Jam Basketball Game "Stay in School Summer Jam 2001" provides a unique opportunity for parents, teachers, students, celebrities, and spectators to join together to make a difference in the lives of South Carolina's young people by encouraging them to stay in school.

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

## **STAY IN SCHOOL AWARENESS DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of completing a high school education to the future success of the young people of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Hodges".

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