

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, the South Carolina General Assembly has adopted a resolution designating the Palmetto State a "State of Character"; and

WHEREAS, South Carolinians value the character traits of good citizenship, respect, honesty, patriotism, diligence, integrity and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, school administrators report improvement in student attitudes, behavior, and academic performance when character education programs are implemented in schools; and

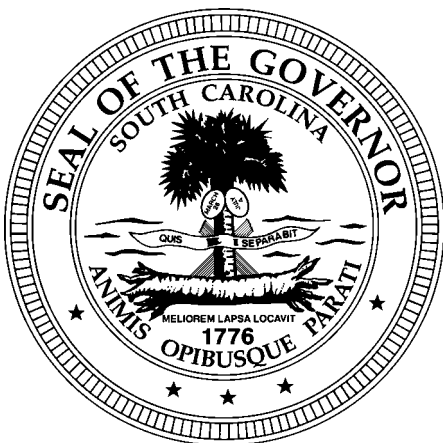
WHEREAS, business leaders report integrity and honesty as the most important job skills needed by prospective employees; and

WHEREAS, our state, schools, families, businesses and communities can improve the quality of life of our citizens by promoting positive, effective character qualities in every sector of society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2002, as

SOUTH CAROLINA "STATE OF CHARACTER" DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join me in promoting character in our schools, businesses, faiths, government, law enforcement, media, community groups, and families.



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