

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, every child needs and deserves a safe, permanent and nurturing home; and

WHEREAS, each year more than 1 million children in the United States are confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect, and the suffering they endure poses a threat to families and society; and

WHEREAS, the intensity and frequency of child abuse and neglect is escalating across our state; and

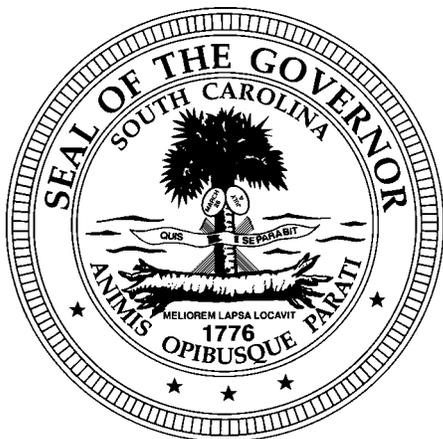
WHEREAS, primary prevention efforts help prevent child abuse and neglect by encouraging and supporting young families; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 observance of "Child Abuse Prevention Month" provides a unique opportunity for communities throughout the Palmetto State to team up to ensure the safety of our children in their homes through the collaboration of public, private, and corporate sectors.

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

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to prevent child abuse and neglect in an effort to keep our children safe.



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

Jim Hodges
Governor
State of South Carolina