

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

**WHEREAS,** the people of South Carolina deserve state and local governments that are accessible to all; and

**WHEREAS,** by learning about state and local government, the young people of the Palmetto State gain invaluable skills that help ensure their success as future leaders and productive citizens; and

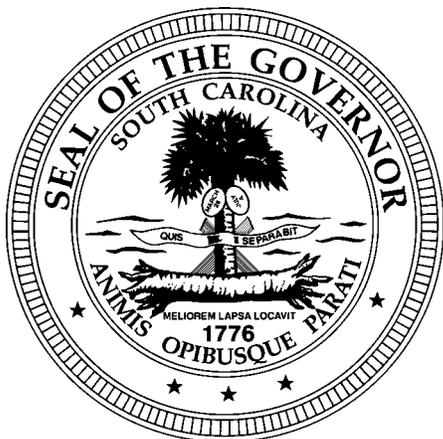
**WHEREAS,** by working to educate the young people of the Palmetto State in the duties, responsibilities, and opportunities of citizenship, the Elks Lodges of the State of South Carolina encourage leadership and achievement and provide a foundation from which the young people of South Carolina can grow and prosper; and

**WHEREAS,** during the 2002 observance of “Elks South Carolina Youth Week”, sponsored by the South Carolina Elks Association, young people throughout the Palmetto State will “take over” various government duties for one day.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 5 – 11, 2002, as

**ELKS SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH WEEK**

and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the young people of the Palmetto State and to work together to prepare them to be good citizens.



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