

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

**WHEREAS,** Americans of Scottish descent contribute significantly to the economic development and cultural richness of our state and nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, Mother Supreme Council of the World, was founded in Charleston, South Carolina, on May 31, 1801, at Shepherd's Tavern; and

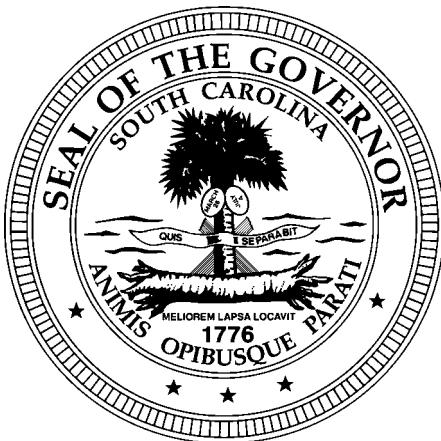
**WHEREAS,** through its Childhood Language Disorder Centers and Children's Trauma Centers throughout South Carolina and the nation, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, has consistently upheld the highest standards of community service; and

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina is honored that members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, including representatives from more than 45 countries, are celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Charleston beginning September 29, 2001.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 29 – October 5, 2001, as

**SCOTTISH RITE WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor Scottish Americans for their many contributions to the economic and cultural development of the Palmetto State.



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