

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

**WHEREAS,** attitudes and habits established at an early age are critical in maintaining good oral health throughout life; and

**WHEREAS,** though approximately half of all school-age children enter kindergarten with no cavities, there are still many children who do have cavities and gum disease; and

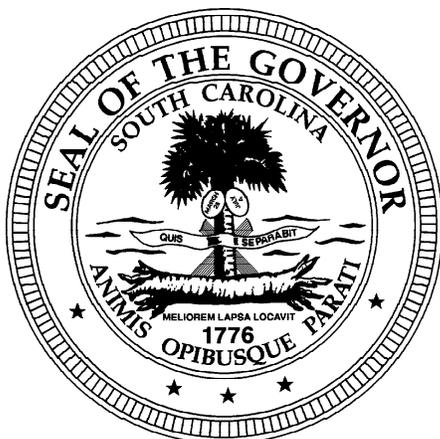
**WHEREAS,** in recognition of the 2001 observance of National Children's Dental Health Month, dentists throughout the country will be in the spotlight, talking about the importance of prevention as a means to combat dental disease; and

**WHEREAS,** by participating in the annual celebration of National Children's Dental Health Month, dental teams, parents, and teachers throughout the Palmetto State can help keep children's smiles beautiful now and for years to come.

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

## **CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of developing good dental habits to the future health of the children of the Palmetto State.



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