

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

**WHEREAS,** meal times offer opportunities for families to spend time together, providing a basic structure that strengthens and encourages lasting relationships; and

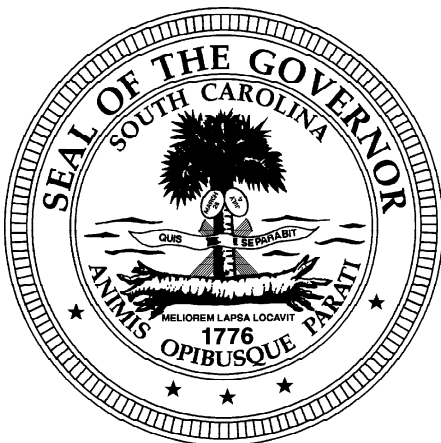
**WHEREAS,** children who have strong, positive family interactions, such as family sittings at meal time, are 31 percent less likely to use illegal drugs, cigarettes, and alcohol; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2001 observance of “Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children” provides a unique opportunity for families throughout the Palmetto State to join one another at the dinner table as a means of strengthening the bonds of kinship for the future of our children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2001, as

**FAMILY DAY**  
**A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of strong family interaction on the well-being and future success of the young people of the Palmetto State.



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