

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

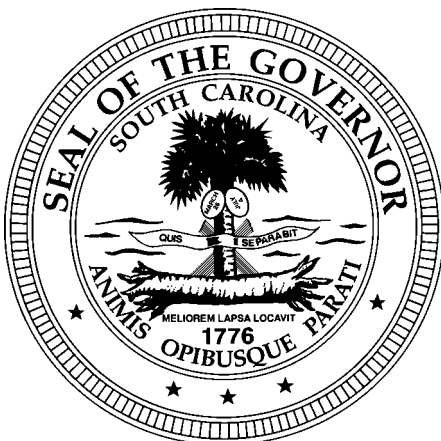
WHEREAS, children who have strong, positive family interactions, such as family gatherings at meal time, are less likely to use illegal drugs, cigarettes, and alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 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 to 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 23, 2002, 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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