

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

**WHEREAS,** as the longest free-flowing blackwater river in North America, the Edisto River is a unique natural and cultural resource for all South Carolinians; and

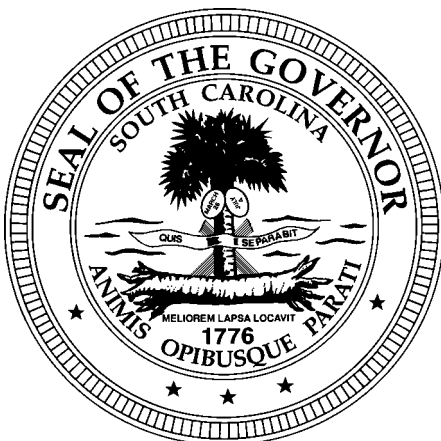
**WHEREAS,** Friends of the Edisto is a volunteer organization dedicated to the conservation and sustainable development of the Edisto River Basin; and

**WHEREAS,** on April 20, 2002, Friends of the Edisto, in conjunction with Palmetto Pride, will co-sponsor the first annual "Stewardship Day", with volunteers conducting a litter clean-up sweep along the entire length of the Edisto River Basin.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2002, as

**STEWARDSHIP DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of keeping the Edisto River Basin clean on the preservation of our natural resources.



*Jim Hodges*

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