

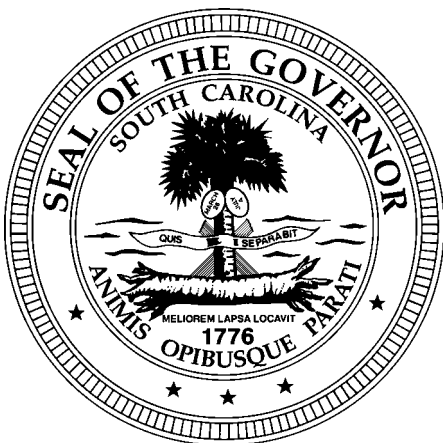
*State of South Carolina*  
*Proclamation*  
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** a commitment to fair housing is one of our nation's most cherished and fundamental values; and
- WHEREAS,** April 11, 2002, marks the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the United States Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which enacted a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, familial status, and handicap, and which encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** housing discrimination continues today despite the number of court cases and fair housing laws; and
- WHEREAS,** the Housing and Urban Development South Carolina State Office is committed to educating as many South Carolinians as possible about every person's right to enjoy equal opportunities in housing free from unlawful discrimination; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2002 observance of "Fair Housing Month" encourages citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation to work together to ensure that all Americans have the opportunity and resources necessary to achieve the American dream of owning a home.

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

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure fair housing opportunities for citizens throughout the Palmetto State.



*Jim Hodges*

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