

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, the malicious act of setting fire to buildings and property, known as arson, is one of our nation's most devastating crimes in terms of financial and personal loss; and

WHEREAS, each year, arson results in countless human injuries and deaths throughout the State of South Carolina and the nation; and

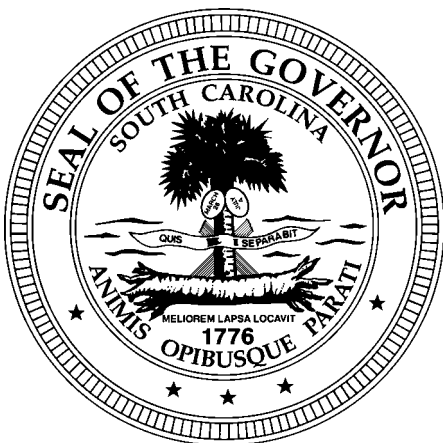
WHEREAS, in South Carolina, arson occurrences have continued to rise over the past three years, leaving behind many victims; and

WHEREAS, the commitment of South Carolina's volunteer and career fire and law enforcement investigative officers to apprehending those guilty of the crime of arson benefits the entire Palmetto State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 5 – 11, 2002, as

ARSON AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize public servants throughout the Palmetto State who strive to protect our families and property from loss due to arson.



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