

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, playgrounds provide an outlet for children to interact socially and an arena for exercise and physical activity; and

WHEREAS, tragically, more than 200,000 children are injured on playgrounds across the nation each year and an average of 17 children die from playground injury annually; and

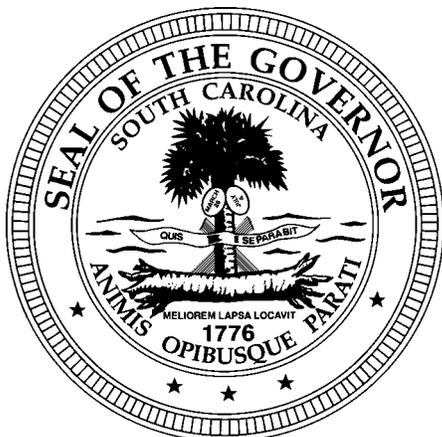
WHEREAS, the National Program for Playground Safety has identified key areas to reduce the number of playground injuries, such as proper supervision, age appropriate equipment, materials to soften falls and equipment maintenance; and

WHEREAS, recognizing potential dangers and taking appropriate precautions and safety measures will help reduce playground injuries throughout the Palmetto State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 22 - 26, 2002, as

PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote safety awareness to ensure the continued health and well-being of our children.



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