

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

### *by*

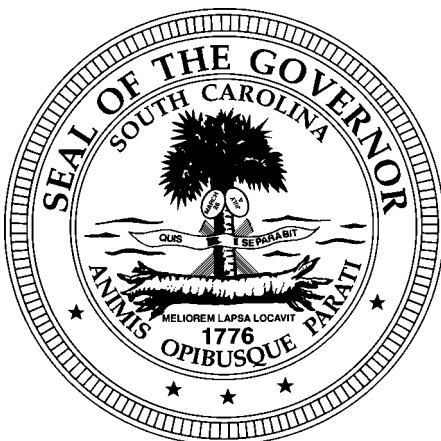
## *Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** each year, millions of people in America become the victims of crime; and
- WHEREAS,** victim advocates give faces and names to the statistics of crime, opening young peoples' eyes to the reality of violence and helping to plant seeds of responsibility that can last a lifetime; and
- WHEREAS,** crime victims and their advocates throughout the Palmetto State have been pioneers in the creation and support of crime prevention programs in our schools and have donated their time and energy to strengthening laws and raising awareness of the needs of all crime victims; and
- WHEREAS,** all South Carolinians deserve to be safe and free from harm in their homes, schools, and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** during the 2002 observance of "National Victim Rights Week", crime victims, their advocates, and victim assistance organizations throughout South Carolina and the nation will join together to educate citizens about crime and victimization and to encourage support for improving victims' rights and services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 21 – 27, 2002, as

## **SOUTH CAROLINA VICTIM RIGHTS WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join in remembering the fallen, in celebrating criminal justice reforms, and in envisioning a future free from violence.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Hodges".

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