

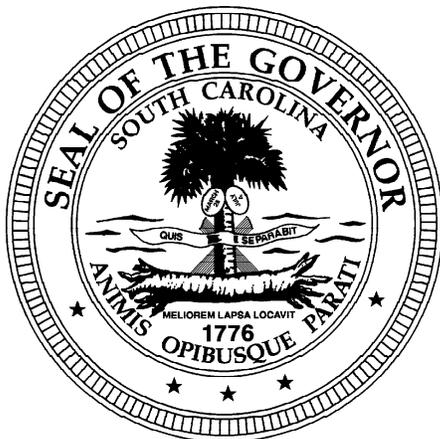
State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

- WHEREAS,** African Americans throughout South Carolina and the nation boast a long and proud tradition of literacy excellence; and
- WHEREAS,** founded in 1990 by the NCTE Black Caucus and the National Council of Teachers of English with the endorsement of the International Reading Association, the African American Read-In Chain stands as one of the longest running, publicly supported literacy campaigns in the nation, with persons receiving Read-In packets sharing the information with others, thereby creating a “chain” of readers whose numbers have grown to well over a million; and
- WHEREAS,** the African American Read-In Chain is designed to bring public notice to the importance of reading and to African American writers’ contributions to the American literacy tradition; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2001 observance of “African American Read-In Chain Days” provides a unique opportunity for schools, churches, libraries, bookstores, community and professional organizations, and interested citizens throughout the Palmetto State to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month by hosting and coordinating Read-Ins in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 4 – 5, 2001, as

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN CHAIN DAYS

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions made by African Americans and African American writers to the American literacy tradition.



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