

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by

Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, guns fell silent as the first World War came to an end, with that moment becoming the cornerstone of an annual tribute to veterans and their contributions to our freedom; and

WHEREAS, a unique sense of duty has prompted generations of young men and women to leave the security of home and family and to delay or forfeit opportunities by defending our country against threats to our way of life through service in our military; and

WHEREAS, millions of men and women count themselves among America's veterans, each remembering those with whom they served who made the supreme sacrifice in our nation's defense; and

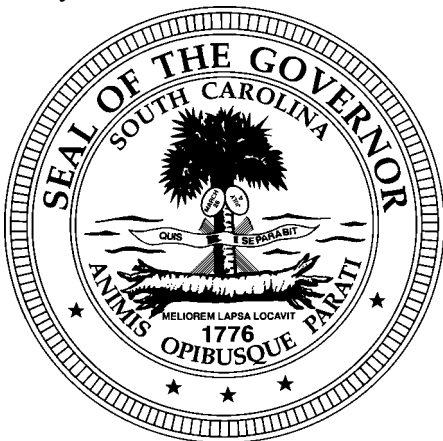
WHEREAS, now more than ever before in the course of our history, Americans owe our military a debt of gratitude for their selfless dedication to preserving our freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of "Veterans Day" provides a unique opportunity for citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation to honor the courage of our veterans by saluting their service, honoring their sacrifice, and thanking them for supporting our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2001, as

VETERANS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to reflect on the freedom and rights we enjoy today as a result of the service to our country that our veterans so honorably offered.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Hodges".

Jim Hodges
Governor
State of South Carolina