

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, the trucking industry in the United States generates approximately \$606 billion in revenues annually and employs more than 9.7 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, the more than 3 million men and women professional truck drivers who deliver the goods that keep our economy going and growing are the backbone of this essential industry; and

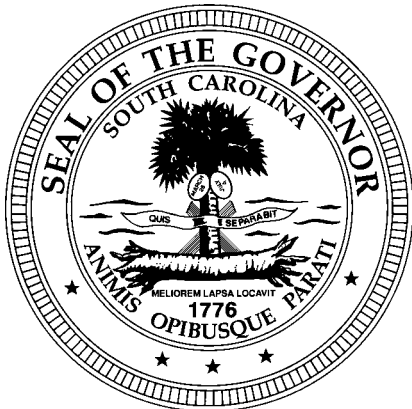
WHEREAS, professional truck drivers are among the safest drivers on our highways and many have received awards for extraordinary acts of heroism and bravery in saving fellow motorists from injury and death; and

WHEREAS, professional truck drivers contribute to the well-being and quality of life of the citizens of South Carolina and the nation by keeping the shelves of local supermarkets and retail outlets stocked, delivering blood, medicine, and diagnostic equipment to hospitals and clinics, and ensuring that important components and materials are delivered to the assembly line safely and on time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 18 – 24, 2002, as

TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor truck drivers for their many contributions to our continued economic development and to the quality of life of the citizens of the Palmetto State.



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