

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, each year, millions of teenagers throughout South Carolina and the nation work in part-time or summer jobs; and

WHEREAS, early work experiences can be rewarding for young workers, providing great opportunities for teens to learn important work skills that contribute to their future success; and

WHEREAS, federal and state rules regarding young workers seek to balance workplace safety with sufficient time for educational opportunities and appropriate work experiences; and

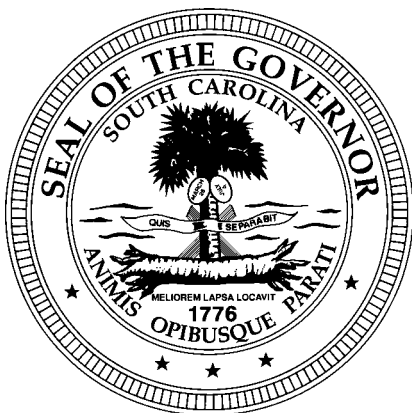
WHEREAS, sponsored by the United States Department of Labor, the *YouthRules!* Work Safety Initiative is designed to increase public awareness of federal and state rules concerning young workers to ensure that they have positive and safe work experiences; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 2002 *YouthRules!* initiative, the United States Department of Labor, in partnership with state and local governments, businesses, advocacy groups, and other organizations that work with teens, will develop and distribute informational materials and provide training designed to increase compliance with federal and state laws governing young workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 2002 as

YOUTHRULES! WORK SAFETY INITIATIVE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of federal and state regulations governing youth employment to the safety and quality of early workplace experiences for our young people.



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