

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

**WHEREAS,** women throughout the United States serve their communities, their states, and our nation through participation in professional, civic, and cultural programs; and

**WHEREAS,** women throughout South Carolina and the nation participate in every aspect of business—as owners, executives, professionals, support staff, and production workers; and

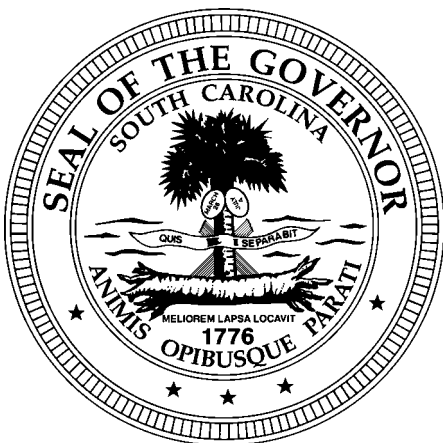
**WHEREAS,** women-owned businesses account for more than one-third of all firms in the country, providing employment for one out of every four American workers; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2001 celebration of “National Business Women’s Week” provides a unique opportunity for citizens throughout the Palmetto State to recognize the many contributions made by business women to our continued economic prosperity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 15 - 19, 2001, as

**SOUTH CAROLINA BUSINESS WOMEN’S  
WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of South Carolina’s business women on the future economic security of the Palmetto State.



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