

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by

Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, attitudes and habits established at an early age are critical in maintaining good oral health throughout life; and

WHEREAS, though approximately half of all school-age children enter kindergarten with no cavities, there are still many children who do have cavities and gum disease; and

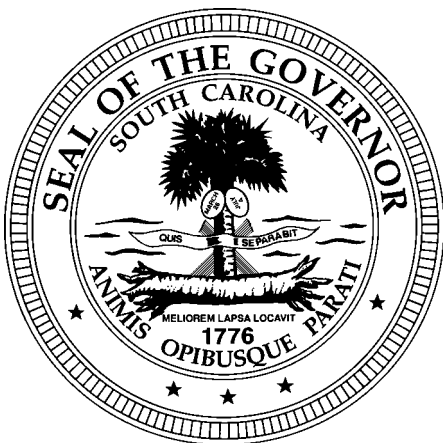
WHEREAS, in recognition of the 2002 observance of National Children's Dental Health Month, the South Carolina Dental Association will distribute four bilingual dental weekly readers to every first through fifth grade class in the Palmetto State in an effort to help children learn about their dental care needs in an educational and entertaining way; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the annual celebration of National Children's Dental Health Month, dental teams, parents, and teachers throughout the Palmetto State can help keep children's smiles beautiful now and for years to come.

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

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of developing good dental habits to the future health of the children of the Palmetto State.



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

Jim Hodges
Governor
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