

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

**WHEREAS,** the judicial branch of government is essential to protecting the rights and liberties of the citizens of South Carolina and the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** court observance activities create better public understanding of the legal profession and the court system as a whole; and

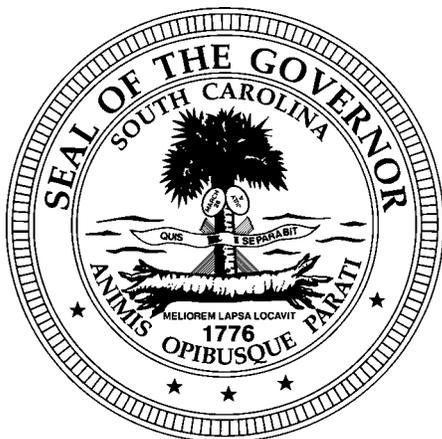
**WHEREAS,** since 1956, the NALS, the national association for legal support professionals, has sponsored the “Day in Court” program in an effort to educate legal support staff as well as the general public about our judicial system; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2001 celebration of “Court Observance Week” provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of the Palmetto State to experience the court process first hand, while honoring legal staff professionals for their vital administrative and technical assistance to our judicial system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 8 – 12, 2001, as

**SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OBSERVANCE WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about our judicial system in South Carolina.



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