

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by

Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina mourns the loss of the victims who lost their lives in the monstrous acts of terrorism against America on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, service men and women from South Carolina and across our country have been deployed to protect and defend our nation, and many others stand ready to do so; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the need to celebrate the heroic actions taken by the firefighters, emergency personnel and members of law enforcement on September 11, as well as the importance of supporting our men and women in uniform; and

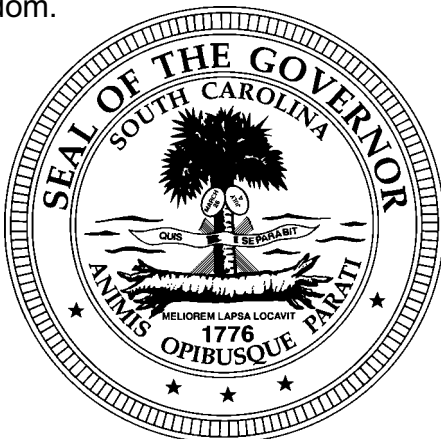
WHEREAS, trees have long been seen as a lasting symbol of life and renewal and are an invaluable natural resource that enhances the appearance of our communities, provides food and shelter for wildlife, reduces energy costs and increases property values; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina's Master Gardener Volunteers and South Carolina Cooperative Extension educators are helping citizens throughout our state to plant trees as an enduring reminder of those lost on September 11th and to honor the souls who protect and defend our way of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December, 2001, as

TREES OF STRENGTH MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to remember the victims of the September 11th attacks and honor those who protect and defend our liberties and freedom.



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

Jim Hodges
Governor
State of South Carolina