

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

**WHEREAS,** school social workers are a vital part of the educational team, working together with administrators, teachers, counselors, psychologists, nurses, speech and language pathologists and other staff to identify factors that can make school a more successful experience for students; and

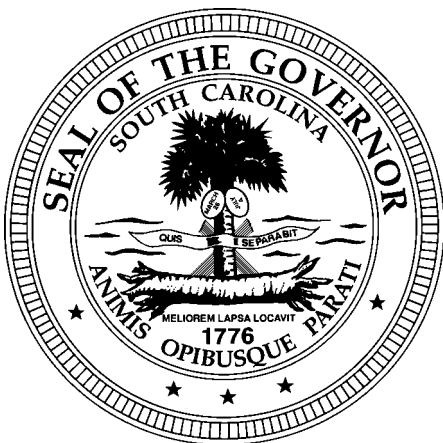
**WHEREAS,** school social workers serve as an important link between school, home, and community, encouraging parents to participate in their children's education by helping them understand and meet their children's social and emotional needs; and

**WHEREAS,** the presence of social workers in our schools helps ensure that children throughout the Palmetto State achieve maximum benefit from their educational opportunities by overcoming barriers to learning.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 24 – 30, 2002, as

**SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and honor school social workers throughout the Palmetto State for their many contributions to ensuring our children's well-being.



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