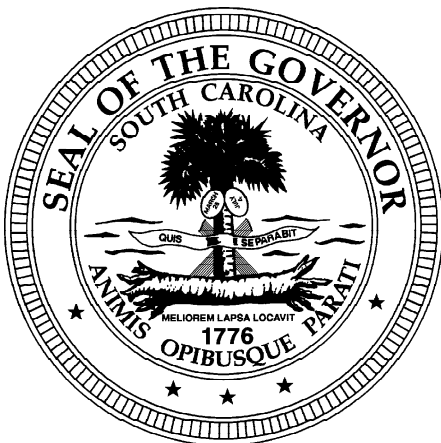


State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

- WHEREAS,** Canoeing for Kids is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing high-quality, free recreational opportunities for underprivileged children, including canoeing, kayaking, rafting, camping, and fishing trips; and
- WHEREAS,** by participating in Canoeing for Kids, children learn teamwork and self-reliance, as well as awareness of conservation issues, while having fun in a safe environment; and
- WHEREAS,** since its founding in 1993, thousands of young people from across South Carolina have participated in Canoeing for Kids and benefited from the experience of being “on the water” and “in the woods”; and
- WHEREAS,** during the 2001 Raft-A-Rama, volunteers from throughout the Palmetto State will paddle the Saluda River in an effort to raise funds to help ensure that Canoeing for Kids has the resources necessary to continue offering unique water and nature adventures for disadvantaged children.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2001, as

CANOEING FOR KIDS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of quality recreational opportunities on the quality of life and future success of the young people of the Palmetto State.



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