

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, though children under 15 represent only 15% of the population, they make up 30% of pedestrian injuries; and

WHEREAS, by raising public awareness of the difficulties and dangers children face when walking to school and encouraging parents and caregivers to teach children about pedestrian safety, many of these injuries could be avoided; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of "Walk Our Children to School Week" encourages adults to teach children safe pedestrian behaviors by helping children identify and practice safe routes to school; and

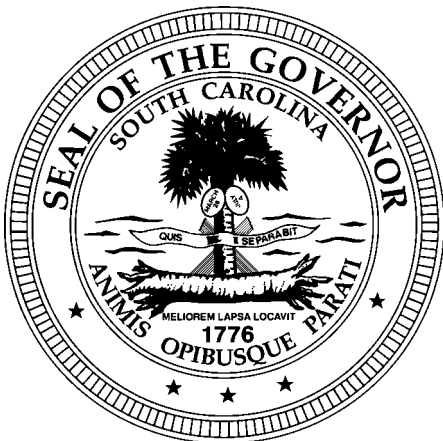
WHEREAS, "Walk Our Children to School Week" reminds Americans of the tremendous health benefits of regular, daily walking, while promoting an awareness of and concern for the environment; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 celebration of "Walk Our Children to School Week" provides a unique opportunity for parents and caregivers to help ensure the continued health and safety of the young people of the Palmetto State by promoting pedestrian safety in their neighborhoods and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 1 - 5, 2001, as

WALK OUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to walk their children to school to promote pedestrian safety and better health.



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