

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

**WHEREAS,** the United States Military Academy at West Point boasts a long and proud history of training brave and dedicated young citizens to wear the uniform of our country and lead our nation in defending our most cherished freedoms; and

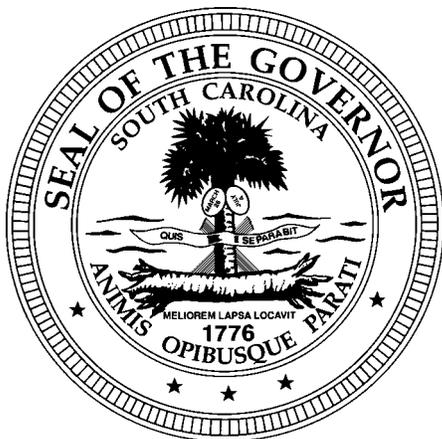
**WHEREAS,** the United States Military Academy at West Point is dedicated to upholding the highest standards of civic duty, educating, guiding, and inspiring a Corps of Cadets along the path to leadership; and

**WHEREAS,** the Bicentennial of the United States Military Academy at West Point celebrates 200 years of contributions to our nation through high academic standards, discipline, and honorable conduct.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 16, 2002, as

**UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT  
BICENTENNIAL DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor the United States Military Academy at West Point for 200 years of supporting the needs of the United States Army and to recognize the thousands of young citizens who have dedicated themselves to serving our country through honor, courage, and commitment.



*Jim Hodges*

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