

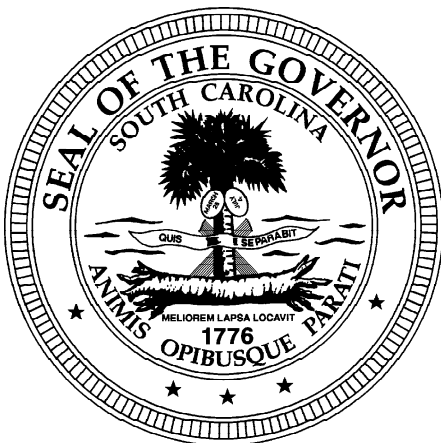
State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

- WHEREAS,** throughout our history, Americans of every race, background, and creed have prayed in churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, and their own homes for guidance, wisdom, and courage in confronting the challenges before us; and
- WHEREAS,** our commitment to religious freedom and tolerance has made America a beacon for generations of people from around the world who have traveled here seeking to worship according to their conscience and without fear of coercion or constraint; and
- WHEREAS,** established in 1952, the National Day of Prayer is an annual event which encourages Americans to pray for our nation, its people and its leaders, while honoring the religious diversity that contributes to our continued strength; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2001 observance of the National Day of Prayer provides a unique opportunity for citizens of all faiths throughout the Palmetto State to join together to give thanks for the rich blessings that South Carolina has enjoyed throughout its history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2001, as

SOUTH CAROLINA DAY OF PRAYER

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate this event in a manner consistent with his or her own faith.



Jim Hodges

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Governor
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