

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

### *by*

## *Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** the brave and dedicated young men and women who leave their homes and families to wear the uniform of our country and lead our nation in defending our most cherished freedoms uphold the highest standards of civic duty; and

**WHEREAS,** for many of these young people, the path to leadership carries them through one of our nation's great military academies, where they spend four extraordinary years earning commissions as junior officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Merchant Marine; and

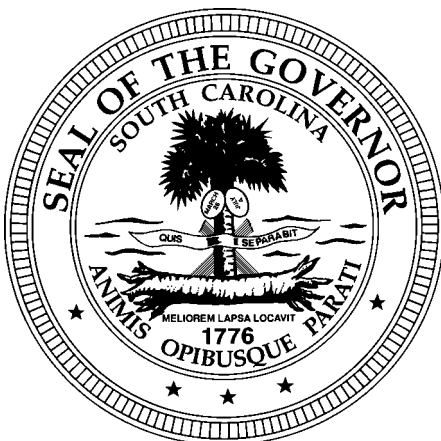
**WHEREAS,** the inaugural South Carolina All Academies Holiday Ball on December 28, 2001, will pay tribute to the young men and women representing South Carolina at the five national service academies; and

**WHEREAS,** in recognition of the South Carolina All Academies Holiday Ball, the 2001 observance of "Service Academy Day" provides a unique opportunity for our citizens to recognize these young South Carolinians who represent the best and brightest the Palmetto State has to offer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 28, 2001, as

## **SERVICE ACADEMY DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor the young men and women of the Palmetto State who have dedicated themselves to serving our country through honor, courage, and commitment.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Hodges".

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