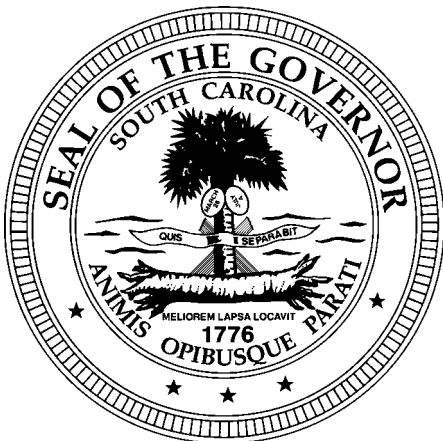


*State of South Carolina*  
*Proclamation*  
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** tennis provides a strong foundation for fitness and helps our citizens develop skills that promote coordination, flexibility, and strength, while fostering self-esteem and confidence; and
- WHEREAS,** tennis is a great way for parents and children to stay in shape, while spending quality time together having fun; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2002 observance of "National Tennis Month" celebrates the bonds of kinship that are strengthened through tennis by focusing on the sport as a positive activity for families; and
- WHEREAS,** in a united effort to support the growth of tennis, communities throughout South Carolina and the nation will host tennis events for the entire family designed to attract new participants at the grassroots level.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2002 as

**TENNIS MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the positive impact of participation in tennis and other sports on the health of the citizens of the Palmetto State.



*Jim Hodges*

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