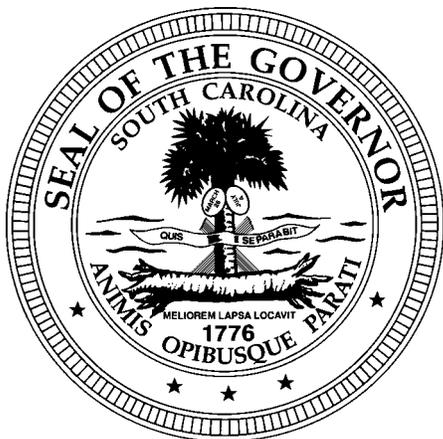


State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

- WHEREAS,** the study of music is an essential part of a complete social and cultural education; and
- WHEREAS,** students develop a high level of self-expression and self-confidence as music education is used to enrich and enhance life for every segment of society; and
- WHEREAS,** music production and performance are positive outlets for creative expression, reinforcing teamwork, communication, self-discipline and focus; and
- WHEREAS,** the Emmy and Peabody Award-winning VH1 Save The Music Foundation is dedicated to enriching and restoring music education programs in schools throughout the nation, while raising awareness of the importance of music participation for our young people; and
- WHEREAS,** since VH1 Save The Music was created in 1997, more than \$17 million worth of musical instruments have been donated to 750 public schools in 75 cities, benefiting more than 250,000 students; and
- WHEREAS,** South Carolina is the pilot state for the VH1 Save the Music Foundation Adopt-a-School program, through which public-private partnerships present free musical instruments to adopted schools; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 5, 2002, the VH1 Save The Music Foundation, in partnership with Time Warner Cable, will donate \$50,000 worth of musical instruments to restore music education in two South Carolina schools in Williamsburg County, Kingstree Elementary School and Chavis Middle School; and
- WHEREAS,** working together to ensure that the children of the Palmetto State have access to a balanced, high-quality education that includes music as a core subject of study contributes to their success as future leaders and productive citizens.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2002 as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of music education on the cultural development of the young people of the Palmetto State.



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