

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

**WHEREAS,** Americans of Scottish, Irish, and other Celtic descents contribute significantly to the economic development and cultural richness of our state and nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320, and the American Declaration of Independence was modeled on that inspirational document; and

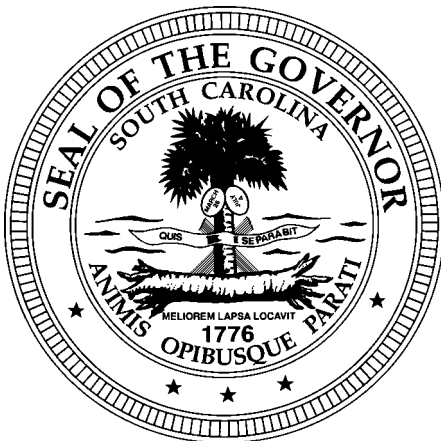
**WHEREAS,** through their achievements in the fields of science, technology, medicine, government, politics, economics, architecture, literature, media, and visual and performing arts, Scottish Americans have helped secure America's continued status as a leader in the global marketplace; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2002 celebration of "Tartan Day" provides a unique opportunity for citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation to recognize the positive impact of Scottish Americans on our rich and diverse history.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2002, as

**TARTAN DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor Scottish Americans for their many contributions to the economic and cultural development of the Palmetto State.



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