

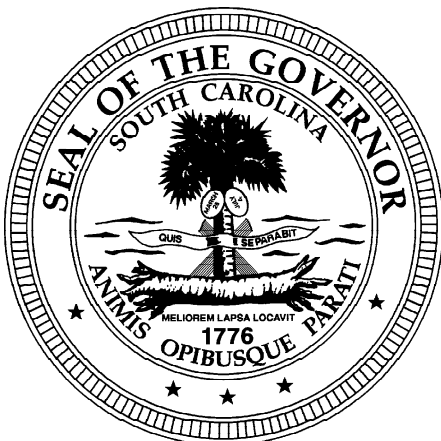
State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

- WHEREAS,** the South Carolina Aquarium offers a unique educational, cultural, and environmental resource for residents and visitors of the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS,** the South Carolina Aquarium allows guests to explore the complete range of South Carolina's aquatic habitats, representing 300 species and 4,000 animals including river otters, snakes, turtles, birds, jellyfish, sharks, and a variety of plants; and
- WHEREAS,** since its opening on May 19, 2000, more than 800,000 people have visited the South Carolina Aquarium, making it one of the top three attractions in the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS,** as a world-class environmental education institution, the South Carolina Aquarium was the first aquarium in the country to open with an education master plan already in place; and
- WHEREAS,** the South Carolina Aquarium offers a science standards-based curriculum for grades K-8 that enables students to learn about and enjoy the natural environment of the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS,** in its first year, over 750 teachers, representing approximately 18,000 students, signed on to use the South Carolina Aquarium's curriculum and take advantage of the more than 100 days of free structured school visits offered during the school year; and
- WHEREAS,** in celebration of its first anniversary, the South Carolina Aquarium is visiting areas around the state to promote public awareness among our citizens of the educational opportunities it provides.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim
May 13 – 19, 2001, as

SOUTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM EDUCATION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the aquatic habitats in the Palmetto State and to recognize the South Carolina Aquarium as a valuable educational, cultural, and environmental resource.



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