

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** the Palmetto State is home to four East Coast Hockey League (ECHL) teams, including the Columbia Inferno, the Greenville Grrrowl, the Pee Dee Pride and the South Carolina Stingrays; and

**WHEREAS,** minor league hockey has enjoyed much success and experienced tremendous growth in attendance, as well as fan interest throughout its history; and

**WHEREAS,** 27 teams in 14 states will open the ECHL's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season this fall, marking the beginning of another action - filled season for hockey fans throughout the nation; and

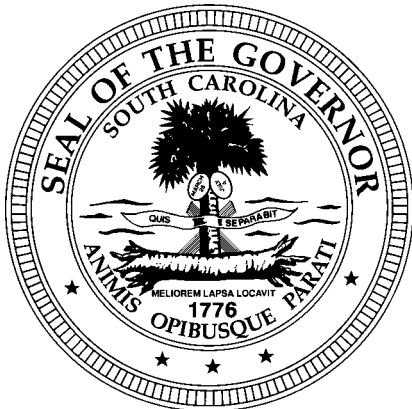
**WHEREAS,** the State of South Carolina supports the ECHL and its efforts to promote economic development and sports entertainment and recreation for all its citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of South Carolina welcomes the 14<sup>th</sup> East Coast Hockey League Booster Club Jamboree which will bring participants from all parts of the East Coast to Greenville, South Carolina, to demonstrate their support of hockey.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2002, as

## **EAST COAST HOCKEY LEAGUE DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to support minor league hockey as a fun-filled family activity in the Palmetto State.



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