

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 15th Anniversary Season this fall, marking the beginning of another action - filled season for hockey fans throughout the nation; and

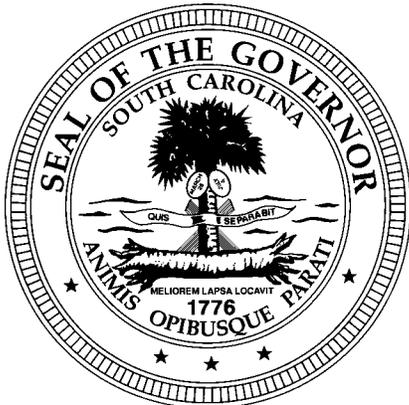
WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina supports the ECHL and its efforts to promote economic development and sports entertainment and recreation for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina welcomes the 14th 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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