

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

**WHEREAS,** founded by the Institute for International Sport and recognized by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and the United States Senate, National Sportsmanship Day is a unique program designed to promote sportsmanship and enhance students' leadership and academic skills; and

**WHEREAS,** National Sportsmanship Day challenges athletes, coaches, administrators, parents, and spectators to reflect on their own attitudes and actions concerning sports by providing a forum for debate and discussion of the issues of ethics and fair play; and

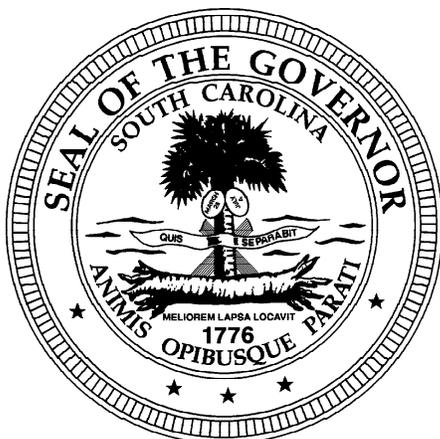
**WHEREAS,** reinforcing the principles of sportsmanship and fair play in students teaches them valuable lessons that can be used throughout their lives, not just on the athletics field or court; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2001 celebration of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual National Sportsmanship Day will promote appreciation for the critical role of ethics, honesty, and fair play in athletics through student-athlete outreach programs, "The No Swear Zone", writing and art contests, coaches' forums, and other activities aimed at furthering the principles of sportsmanship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2001, as

**SOUTH CAROLINA SPORTSMANSHIP DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote sportsmanship and ethics in athletics.



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