

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

**WHEREAS,** world population today exceeds 6.1 billion and is estimated to continue to increase by 1 billion every 13 years; and

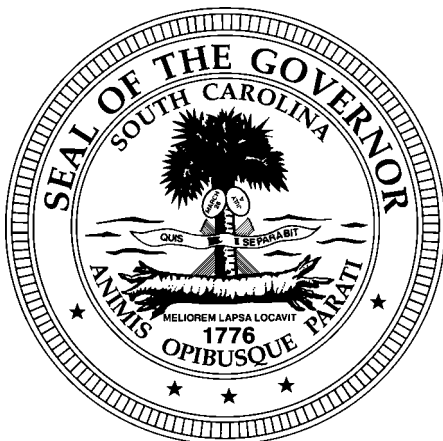
**WHEREAS,** rapid population growth can have negative environmental, economic, and social consequences; and

**WHEREAS,** working to sustain an equitable balance between the world's population, environment, and resources contributes to combating poverty, improving maternal and child health, and ensuring the continued prosperity of our state and nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 21 – 27, 2001, as

**WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of voluntary and responsible solutions to rapid population growth.



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