

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, young people develop crucial decision-making skills during early adolescence which shape their future values and attitudes; and

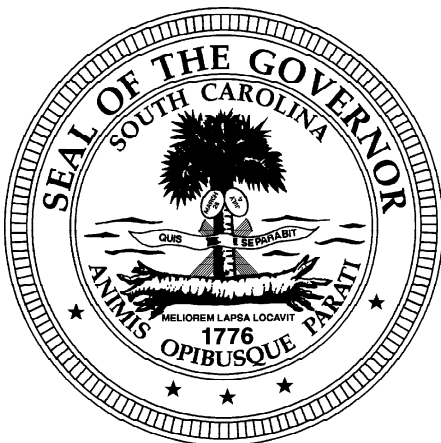
WHEREAS, during this fragile and important time, young people often face pressure from their peers to experiment with questionable or illegal behaviors that can impair their future success as leaders of their communities; and

WHEREAS, continually developing and nurturing our young people by providing opportunities and experiences that enable them to demonstrate the ideals of character, achievement, service and leadership fosters good decision-making skills and a commitment to community service and academic excellence.

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

MONTH OF THE YOUNG ADOLESCENT

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure the future success of the young people of the Palmetto State.



Jim Hodges

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