

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, every child deserves a safe, permanent and nurturing home; and

WHEREAS, the intensity and frequency of child abuse and neglect is escalating across our state and all citizens should become involved in helping to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Guardian ad Litem Program is to protect and defend children from harm and ensure that abused and neglected children are provided with the court ordered services they need; and

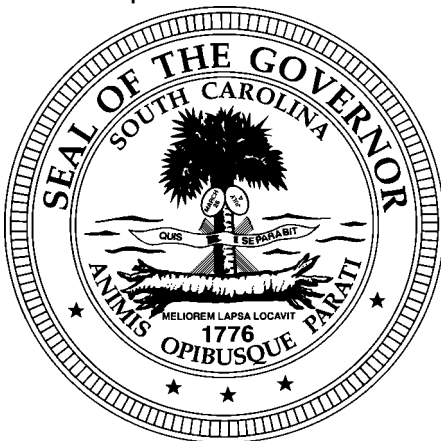
WHEREAS, April 21 – 27, 2002, is South Carolina Volunteer Week throughout the state and all South Carolinians are encouraged to recognize the significant contributions that volunteers make in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Guardian ad Litem staff and volunteers are committed to protecting the best interests of the children of the Palmetto State by advocating for every child who is the subject of an abuse and/or neglect proceeding in South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 11, 2002, as

GUARDIAN AD LITEM CHILD ADVOCATE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in recognition of and gratitude for the Guardian ad Litem staff and volunteers who selflessly devote their time to protect our children.



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