

State of South Carolina Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, each year, many citizens of South Carolina begin the Christmas Season with the Governor's Carolighting Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, this annual event brings together citizens from across the state to celebrate the many blessings we share, while joining in fellowship and fun for the whole family; and

WHEREAS, throughout history, bells have been used to summon people to meetings, to ring joyfully at weddings, to toll sorrowfully at funerals, to celebrate victories and to call people to prayer; and

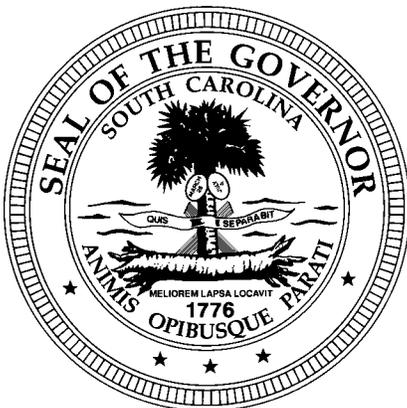
WHEREAS, at the end of the 2002 Carolighting Ceremony, at 7:00 p.m. on December 1, 2002, churches throughout the Palmetto State will ring their bells as a reminder to pray for peace in our world at the beginning of this Advent Season; and

WHEREAS, this tolling of bells will provide a moment of reflection and serve as a symbol of the importance of peace and unity in our lives throughout the year and especially during this holiday season.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2002, as a

DAY OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

and ask all churches throughout the state to ring their bells at 7:00 p.m. and encourage all South Carolinians to pray for peace in our world.



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