

# *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

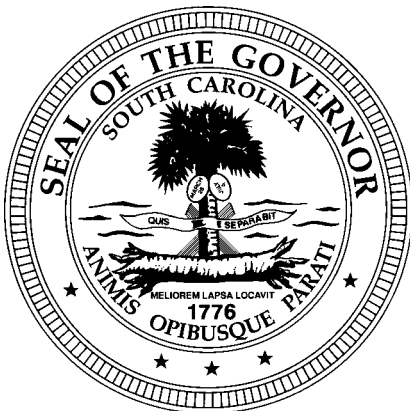
**WHEREAS,** at the end of the 2002 Carolighting Ceremony, at 7:00 p.m. on December 1, 2002, churches throughout the Palmetto State will ring their bells as a reminder to pray for peace in our world at the beginning of this Advent Season; and

**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.



*Jim Hodges*

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