

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

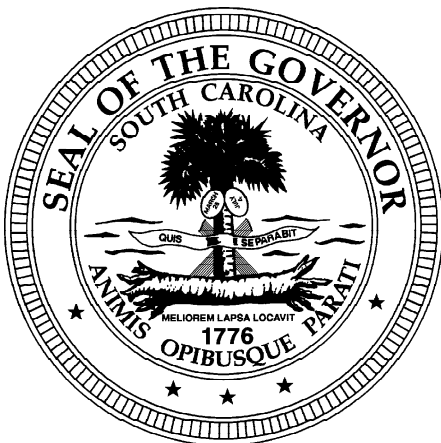
by

Governor Jim Hodges

- WHEREAS,** South Carolina is the beneficiary of many blessings, including an abundance of natural beauty in our state trails, greenways, rivers, parks, and forests; and
- WHEREAS,** through the State Trails Program, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the State Forestry Commission, Palmetto Trails, Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests, Foothills Trail Conference, Palmetto Cycling Coalition, South Carolina Off-Road Enthusiasts, the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Bike the Neck, the South Carolina Horsemen's Council, and many local communities work together to foster a statewide network of trails and greenways by promoting trail use, management, and development; and
- WHEREAS,** trails and greenways promote health and fitness by providing an enjoyable and safe place for walking, bicycling, horseriding, and off-road motorcycle and ATV riding, while contributing to economic vitality, increased property values, and increased tourism throughout the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS,** in South Carolina, approximately 2.8 million people walk for pleasure, 1.4 million bicycle, 360,000 ride horses, and 200,000 ride motorcycles and ATVs every year; and
- WHEREAS,** working together, we can ensure the preservation of the natural beauty of our state now and for future generations.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby** proclaim June 2, 2001, as

TRAILS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to participate in events which promote new strategies for community trail planning, increase public awareness of trails, promote trail conservation, and celebrate the values and benefits our treasured pathways provide.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Hodges".

Jim Hodges
Governor
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