

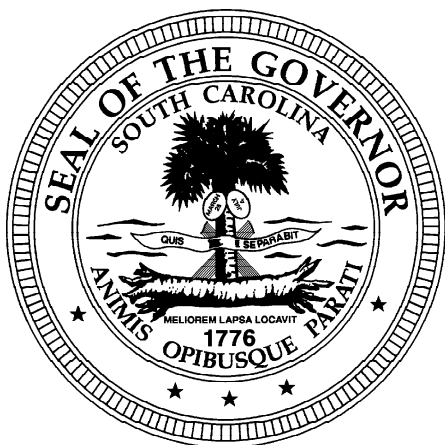
*State of South Carolina*  
*Proclamation*  
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** South Carolina's state employees contribute significantly to the well-being and quality of life of the citizens of the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS,** South Carolina's state employees preserve public safety and protect the health of our citizens, work to ensure clean air and water, care for crime victims and the economically disadvantaged, rehabilitate and counsel people in need, attract and support commerce, build and maintain our highways, schools, and other infrastructure, administer justice, protect citizens' rights, inspect our food, license our cars, educate our children, and strive to advance medicine, science and technology for the benefit of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** these dedicated public servants perform their duties with professionalism and integrity as they work to ensure the accessibility and responsiveness of government services; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2001 observance of "South Carolina State Employee Recognition Day" provides a special day within "Public Service Recognition Week" for citizens throughout the Palmetto State to express their appreciation and gratitude to our state employees for their hard work and dedication to our continued well-being.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2001, as

**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**STATE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and commend state employees throughout the Palmetto State for their professionalism in safeguarding the quality of life of our citizens.



*Jim Hodges*

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