

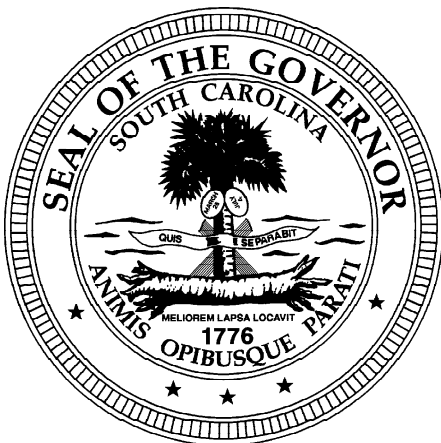
State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

- WHEREAS,** South Carolina is the beneficiary of many blessings, including an abundance of natural beauty in our coastal and inland beaches; and
- WHEREAS,** South Carolina beaches offer a unique source of recreation and entertainment for both residents and visitors; and
- WHEREAS,** though professional lifeguards do help prevent accidents and save lives, educating our citizens about proper beach and water safety is essential to ensuring their continued well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2001 observance of "Beach Safety Week" provides a unique opportunity for citizens throughout the Palmetto State to work together to promote public awareness of the importance of beach safety rules, including Never Swim Alone, Always Swim Near a Lifeguard, Never Drink Alcohol Before Swimming, Respect the Power of the Surf, and Learn to Swim.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 21 - 28, 2001, as

BEACH SAFETY WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to take appropriate measures to protect themselves and their children while enjoying our beaches.



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Governor
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