

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, Frederick Hart, a world-renowned artist who was raised in Conway, South Carolina, and studied at the University of South Carolina, came to be known as one of the world's greatest figurative sculptors; and

WHEREAS, during his career, he created an amazing body of work that is found throughout the world, many of which are public monuments and memorials, with his most well-known works being the *Three Soldiers* sculpture at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the monumental bas relief framing the entrance of the National Cathedral; and

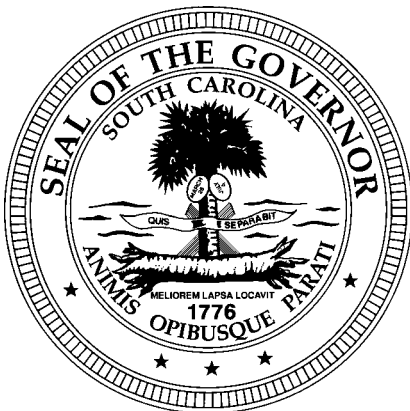
WHEREAS, his work embodies the highest standards of excellence and demonstrates the impact art can have on society by rekindling the importance of artistic expression and appreciation of beauty by all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Carolina and the McKissick Museum will host an exhibit of approximately 20 sculptures by Frederick Hart which will coincide with a weekend of guest speakers who will pay tribute to this extraordinary artist with discussions of his life and work and related topics regarding traditional and modern art.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2002, as

FREDERICK HART DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor Frederick Hart as one of our nation's premier sculptors and his many contributions to art appreciation and to the betterment of the quality of life of the citizens of the Palmetto State.



Jim Hodges
Jim Hodges
Governor

State of South Carolina