

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

### *by*

### *Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** world population today exceeds 6.2 billion and is estimated to continue to dramatically increase in the future; and

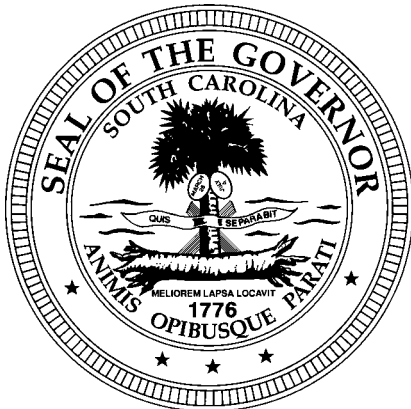
**WHEREAS,** rapid population growth can have negative environmental, economic, and social consequences; and

**WHEREAS,** working to sustain an equitable balance between the world's population, environment, and resources contributes to combating poverty, improving maternal and child health, addressing health issues and ensuring the continued prosperity of our state and nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 20 – 26, 2002, as

## **WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of voluntary and responsible solutions to rapid population growth.



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

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