

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

**WHEREAS,** human rights have been an integral part of America's history since the birth of our Nation more than two centuries ago when the Bill of Rights was created to protect our cherished freedoms of religion, speech, press, and assembly and to preserve the principles of equality, liberty, and justice that lie at the heart of our national identity; and

**WHEREAS,** tragically, there are still many regions of the world where human rights are daily denied and aspirations to freedom routinely trampled; and

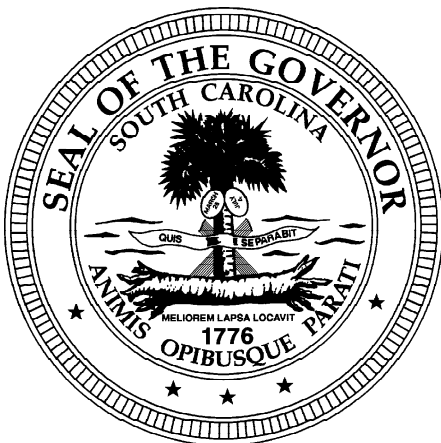
**WHEREAS,** by working to cultivate global human relations, the citizens of the Palmetto State uphold our common responsibility to respecting the rights of all individuals; and

**WHEREAS,** in recognition of the 15<sup>th</sup> annual "Church and Community Human Relations" observance, the citizens of Greenville will come together in celebration of the principles of human dignity and mutual respect.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2001, as

**CHURCH AND COMMUNITY  
HUMAN RELATIONS DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote the principle of goodwill that guides and informs America's continued role as a leader in the quest for international human rights.



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