

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, as the oldest women's membership movement in the United States, the YWCA has a long and proud history of empowering women and families, fostering racial justice, and preventing violence; and

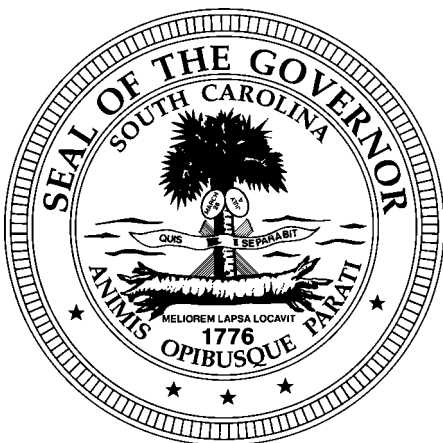
WHEREAS, through 324 local member associations across the nation, the YWCA provides a wide range of programs and services, including battered women's shelters, counseling, childcare, support to victims of rape and sexual assault, job training, sports and fitness, and legal advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 observance of the "YWCA Week Without Violence" will focus attention on practical and sustainable alternatives to violence, with programs at YWCAs, schools, community organizations, neighborhoods, and workplaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 14 – 20, 2001, as

YWCA WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote effective alternatives to violence.



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Governor
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