

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, although toys provide joy and entertainment for children throughout South Carolina and the nation, they can become dangerous if misused or in the hands of children who are too young for them; and

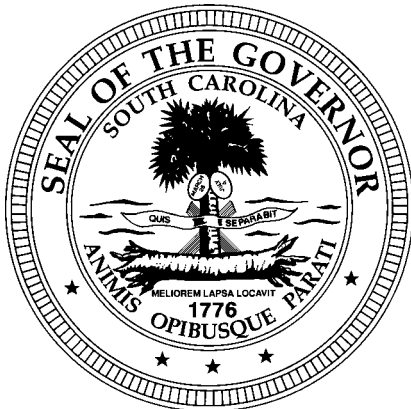
WHEREAS, while falls and choking account for the majority of toy-related injuries and deaths, children can also suffer from strangulation, burns, drowning, and poisoning when playing with toys; and

WHEREAS, appropriate selection and proper use of toys, combined with parental supervision, can help prevent toy-related deaths and greatly reduce the incidence and severity of toy-related injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 7 – 13, 2003, as

SOUTH CAROLINA TOY SAFETY WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the risks and prevention of toy-related injuries and deaths to ensure the continued safety and well-being of our children.



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

Jim Hodges
Governor
State of South Carolina