

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, first references to the game of checkers are found as early as 1600 B.C. in Egyptian paintings and inscriptions at the time of the Pharaohs; and

WHEREAS, today, variants of the game of checkers are played under different names throughout the world; and

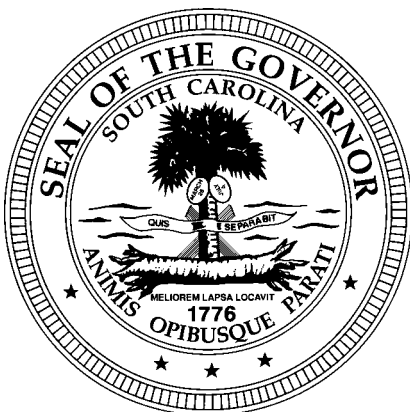
WHEREAS, board games, such as checkers, are not only great family pastimes, they also provide a forum for heated competition between serious contenders vying for championships at the local, state, national and global levels; and

WHEREAS, hosted by the Town of Honea Path, the 2002 South Carolina State Checker Tournament brings together checkers enthusiasts from across the Palmetto State to rival for the coveted title of state champion.

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

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHECKER
TOURNAMENT DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join the Town of Honea Path in celebrating the skilled competitors of the 2002 State Checker Tournament.



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