

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

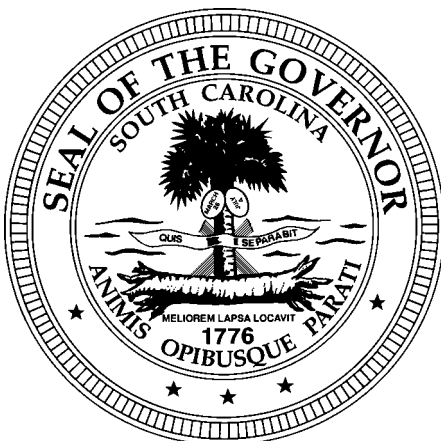
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and
- WHEREAS,** American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of our nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and
- WHEREAS,** American women have played a unique role throughout the history of our nation by providing the majority of labor force of our nation; and
- WHEREAS,** American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our nation; and
- WHEREAS,** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of many major progressive social change movement; and
- WHEREAS,** American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and the peace movement, which created a more fair and just society for all; and
- WHEREAS,** American women in the military have masqueraded as men on the battlefield, survived prisoner of war camps, died in combat, and struggled to achieve gender and race integration in the armed forces; and
- WHEREAS,** despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching, and study of American history.

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

## **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the substantial contributions of women to the growth and strength of the Palmetto State.



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

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