

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, schools that are safe and free of violence, weapons, and drugs are essential to ensuring the well-being of all children and the quality of their education; and

WHEREAS, while most schools have existing safety programs, these programs often need conscientious, creative application to improve their effectiveness; and

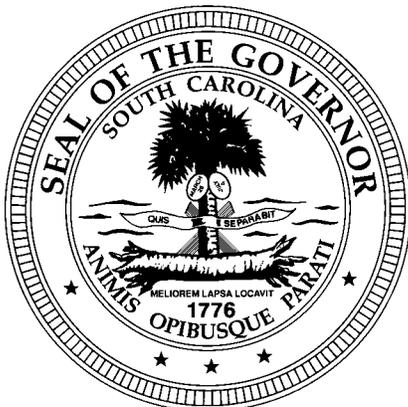
WHEREAS, the annual observance of "America's Safe Schools Week" focuses national attention on keeping campuses free of crime and violence, improving discipline, and increasing student attendance; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 observance of "South Carolina's Safe Schools Week" provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of the Palmetto State to promote crime prevention policies, in-service training, crisis preparation, interagency cooperation, and student/parent participation in the development and implementation of safety plans in our schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 20 – 26, 2002, as

SOUTH CAROLINA'S SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure that students, educators, and school staff throughout the Palmetto State have safe, secure and peaceful environments for learning, teaching and working.



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