

State of South Carolina

Proclamation

by
Governor Jim Hodges

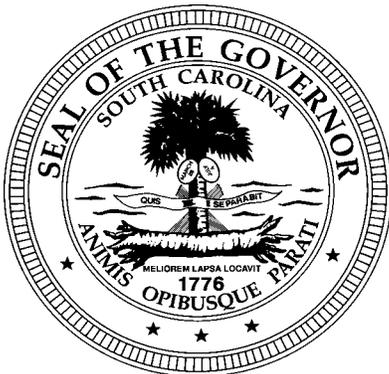
- WHEREAS,** on September 11, 2001, America witnessed the senseless loss of more than 3,000 innocent lives as a result of terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania; and
- WHEREAS,** in response to this tragic sequence of events, our nation has joined together to show that the human spirit is stronger than any cowardly act of terrorism, reaffirming our ability to overcome adversity through our dedicated patriotism and our common commitment to the American values of freedom and justice; and
- WHEREAS,** as leaders in the relief efforts in response to the events of September 11, 2001, and as lifesavers in our communities every day, our nation's emergency workers, firefighters, law enforcement officers and military personnel have consistently demonstrated outstanding courage and an unprecedented commitment to the safety and well-being of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** these dedicated public servants, the National Guard, and the United States Military continue to work together to ensure homeland security and secure the right of all Americans to feel safe in their homes, schools, and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the solemn commemoration of the first anniversary of September 11, 2001, provides a special opportunity to remember and honor the victims of these cowardly acts of terrorism against America, to recognize those first responders who were injured or sacrificed their lives trying to save the lives of others, and to acknowledge the continuing efforts of our state and nation to provide for homeland security; and
- WHEREAS,** appropriate remembrance observances and civic commemorations throughout South Carolina and across the country will serve as forceful reminders of the value and meaning of the life of each person who fell victim to the incomprehensible acts of terrorism on September 11, 2001; and
- WHEREAS,** in honor of the service men and women overseas risking their lives to protect our freedoms, including the right to vote, high school students throughout South Carolina and the nation will, beginning on September 11, 2002, seek voting pledges from their parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors and then follow up to register those who need it, arrange rides to the polls, and achieve record voter turnout on November 5, 2002, through the Freedom's Answer program as an unmistakable message to the world that America and our freedoms are alive and well; and
- WHEREAS,** through this and other symbolic acts and memorials, all South Carolinians can reaffirm the unity of our citizenship and the strength of our character, while paying tribute to the collective spirit that has guided our nation throughout its history.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2002, as

9/11 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

and September 11 – November 5, 2002, as

FREEDOM'S ANSWER DAYS

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the Freedom's Answer program for its efforts to promote good citizenship and to exercise their right to vote as a powerful reminder of the strength of the principles of democracy upon which our nation was founded.



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