

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

**WHEREAS,** throughout the history of our great nation, women have supported their husbands during times of war; and

**WHEREAS,** during the American Revolution, both Mary Ludwig Hayes and Margaret Corbin, nicknamed “Molly Pitchers” for getting water for thirsty soldiers on duty, heroically took over their fallen husbands’ artillery positions and continued to help fire the cannon throughout the battle; and

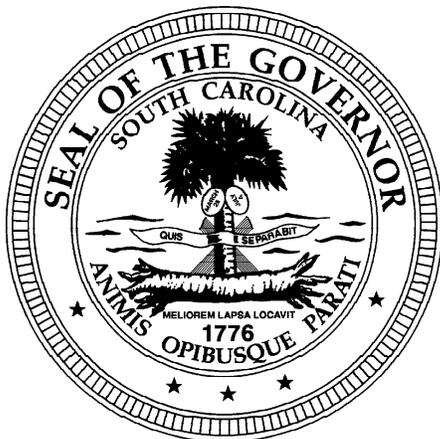
**WHEREAS,** since that time, countless servicemen’s wives have upheld this legacy of courage, following their husbands from place to place in the United States and overseas, giving up career opportunities, and raising families on the go; and

**WHEREAS,** these women have exhibited the highest standards of civic duty, unselfishly making great sacrifices to ensure the support and welfare of our armed forces on both the local and national levels.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 28, 2001, as

**VETERANS’ WIDOWS DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor these women who bravely and selflessly supported their husbands and our nation during times of war and peace.



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