

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

**WHEREAS,** earthquakes pose a real risk to lives and property throughout the Palmetto State; and

**WHEREAS,** while we have been fortunate enough not to have had a major earthquake in our state in many years, the fault lines that run through South Carolina make us particularly vulnerable; and

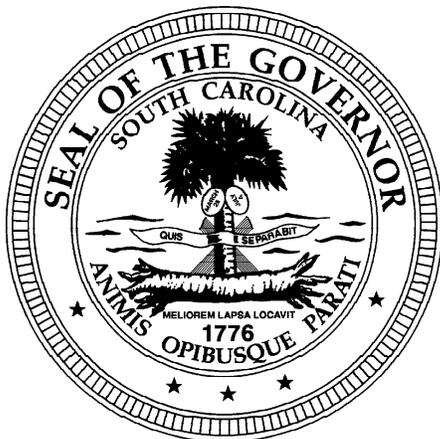
**WHEREAS,** increasing public awareness of South Carolina's earthquake hazard and heightening public knowledge of safety measures to take before, during, and after an earthquake saves lives, protects property, and reduces damages and injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2001 observance of "Earthquake Awareness Week" provides a unique opportunity for South Carolinians to learn more about earthquake safety and preparedness.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 4 – 10, 2001, as

**EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to become more informed of the hazards and threat of earthquakes, to take whatever steps necessary to make homes, schools, businesses, and public places as earthquake-safe as possible, and to support increased public information and awareness programs on earthquake safety.



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