

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** our nation's correctional officers are the men and women who put their lives on the line each day to ensure the continued safety and well-being of the citizens of South Carolina and the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** correctional officers in South Carolina are the backbone of our criminal justice system, coexisting on a daily basis, unarmed and in a hostile environment, with some of the most dangerous and anti-social individuals in our society; and

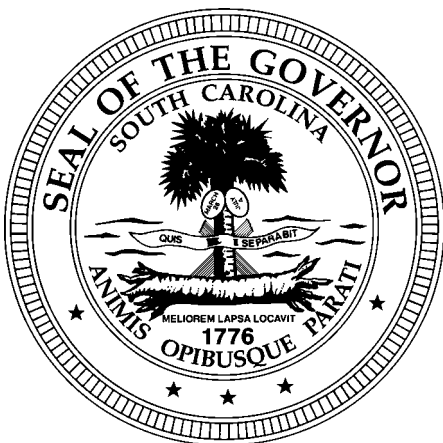
**WHEREAS,** correctional officers serve our citizens valiantly, risking their lives to help keep our communities safe; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2002 observance of "National Correctional Officers' Week" provides a unique opportunity to pay tribute to our nation's correctional officers who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 4 – 11, 2002, as

## **CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions made by correctional officers to the safety and quality of life of the citizens of the Palmetto State and to honor those officers who have selflessly given their lives to protect our way of life.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Hodges".

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