

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

### *by*

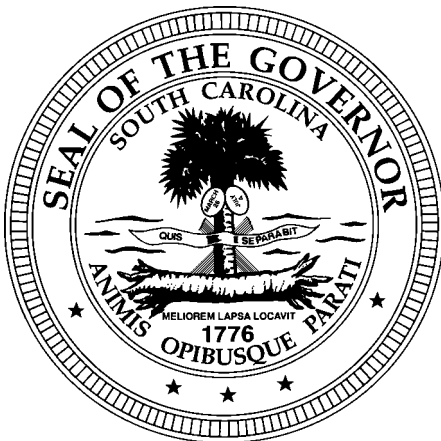
## *Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** speech, language, and hearing communication disorders affect both children and adults throughout the State of South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** unfortunately, many people with communication disorders are unaware that there is treatment available to remedy or minimize the impact of their condition; and
- WHEREAS,** audiologists and speech-language pathologists are the professionals who specialize in the identification and treatment of communication disorders; and
- WHEREAS,** with proper treatment, most people with communication disorders can lead full and productive lives; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1925, audiologists and speech-language pathologists throughout South Carolina and the nation have made a special effort during the month of May to inform and educate people about speech, language, and hearing disorders.

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

## **BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to encourage the development of comprehensive clinical service programs, promote research with regard to human communication disorders, and assist information exchange.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Hodges".

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