

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** Bethel A.M.E. Church will celebrate 136 years of Christian service to the people of South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** Bishop John Hurst Adams, Senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church worldwide, will be the featured speaker during this special celebration; and

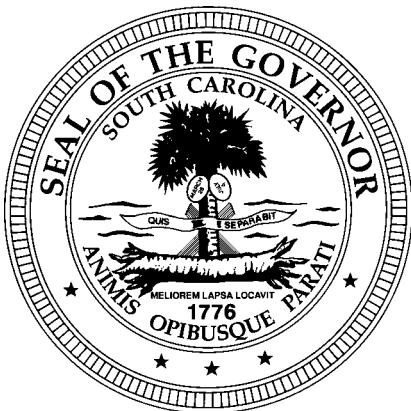
**WHEREAS,** this celebration honors the dedication and hard work of the many faithful servants of God who have contributed to the growth of Bethel A.M.E. Church throughout its history; and

**WHEREAS,** during this special celebration, the members of this historic church will sponsor many activities that coincide with the theme, "Walking in Prayer, Promise and Prosperity - the 136<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bethel A.M.E. Church."

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2002, as the

## 136<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize Bethel A.M.E. Church and its congregation for their many contributions to the historical and spiritual development of the Palmetto State.



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