

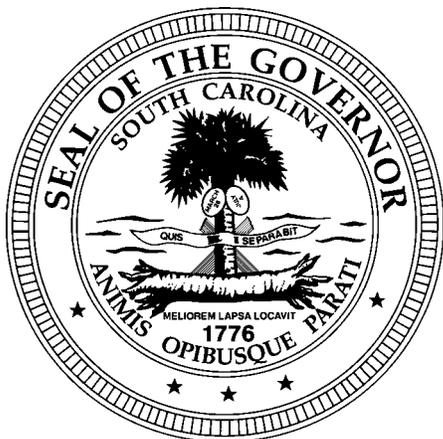
State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

- WHEREAS,** the Weatherization Assistance Program, our nation's largest residential energy efficiency program, was initiated and funded by the U. S. Department of Energy in 1976 in response to energy shortages to help low-income families have more energy efficient, safe, and healthy homes; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1976, the Weatherization Assistance Program has worked diligently to weatherize homes nationwide, with technicians using computer energy audits and advanced diagnostic technologies to determine the most cost-effective measures for each home; and
- WHEREAS,** weatherization efforts, including simple household repairs around windows and doors, provide budget and energy savings that benefit citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** weatherization efforts through the South Carolina Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, in cooperation with the state's community action agencies, have helped reduce energy costs for low-income families in homes throughout the Palmetto State, with reductions averaging 25 percent during the winter for more than 1,000 homes; and
- WHEREAS,** nine non-profit community action agencies in South Carolina deliver weatherization assistance to all 46 counties, helping to conserve our natural resources and providing energy cost reductions to citizens throughout the Palmetto State, many of whom are elderly, disabled, or children; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2001 observance of "National Weatherization Day" provides an important opportunity for citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation to raise public awareness of the positive impact of weatherization assistance on the economic well-being of our citizens and on the conservation of our energy resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2001, as

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact weatherization efforts make on the future economic prosperity of the Palmetto State.



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