

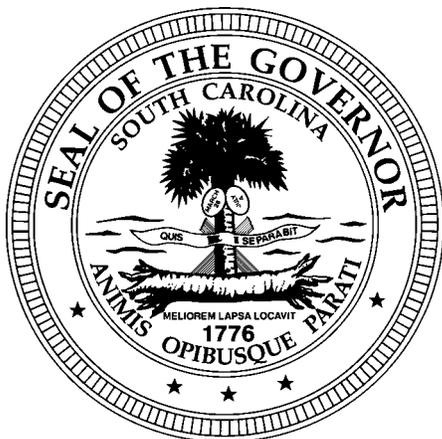
State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

- WHEREAS,** originally sung by church quartets and traveling family groups, Southern Gospel music emerged during the early years of the 20th century; and
- WHEREAS,** Southern Gospel music has grown in popularity over the past decade, expanding globally to diverse listening audiences as well as to all age groups; and
- WHEREAS,** Southern Gospel music encompasses styles ranging from traditional four-part male quartet harmonies with simple piano accompaniment to modern country renditions; and
- WHEREAS,** the preservation of Southern Gospel music fosters greater understanding and awareness of the rich and diverse cultural heritage of the Palmetto State.

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

SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate this musical genre, its history, the artists, and the positive message it carries.



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