

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** school library media centers are key to teaching students not only to read but to learn the skills they need to seek, evaluate and use information throughout their lives; and

**WHEREAS,** students from schools with professionally-staffed, fully-equipped libraries score higher on achievement tests; and

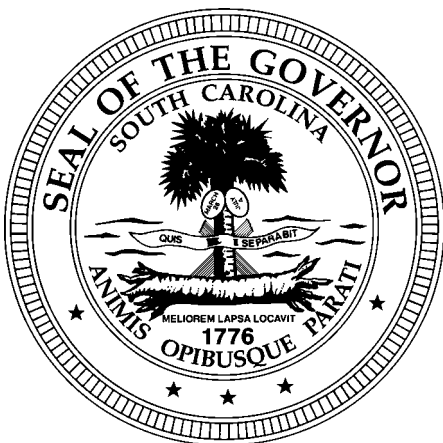
**WHEREAS,** school libraries throughout the Palmetto State provide our children with books, computers, videotapes, audio tapes and other resources to enrich their lives; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2002 observance of "School Library Media Month" provides a unique opportunity for citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation to work together to raise awareness of the important role of the school library media center in preparing children and teens to live and work in an information society.

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

## **SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor the more than 1,200 school library media specialists and administrators across the Palmetto State for their many contributions to the future success of our young people.



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

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