

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, South Carolina's more than 11,100 miles of permanently flowing rivers and streams are a valuable natural and cultural resource, forming a central part of our rich natural heritage; and

WHEREAS, rivers throughout the Palmetto State not only support critical ecological functions and provide essential fish and wildlife habitat, but they also provide drinking water, channel floods and assimilate waste, transport goods, turn turbines, supply industries, produce food, and offer quality recreational opportunities for residents and visitors; and

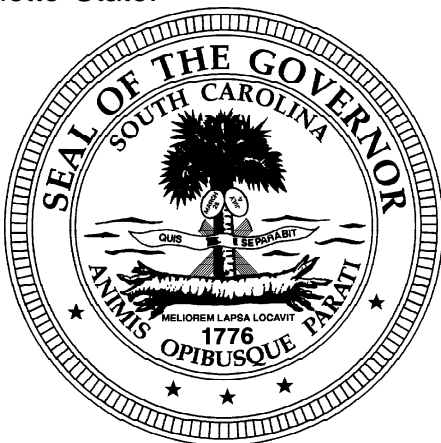
WHEREAS, in celebration of the 2001 observance of "South Carolina Rivers Month", the Land, Water and Conservation Division of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources will sponsor a variety of river-related activities designed to increase public understanding and appreciation of our rivers and their watersheds, including canoe and kayak trips, riverside hikes, paddling classes, fishing events, whitewater rafting, boat landing cleanups, and river festivals; and

WHEREAS, "South Carolina Rivers Month" provides a unique opportunity for citizens throughout the Palmetto State to join together to raise awareness of the value of our state's abundant river resources, the numerous resources they support, and their contributions to our quality of life.

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

SOUTH CAROLINA RIVERS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of wise river use and conservation on the quality of life of the citizens of the Palmetto State.



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