

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, the passage of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 opened the doors for girls and young women to benefit from equal opportunity to participate fully in athletic programs in school and college settings; and

WHEREAS, generations of young women have participated in a variety of sports that have provided valuable opportunities for team building and the development of leadership skills; and

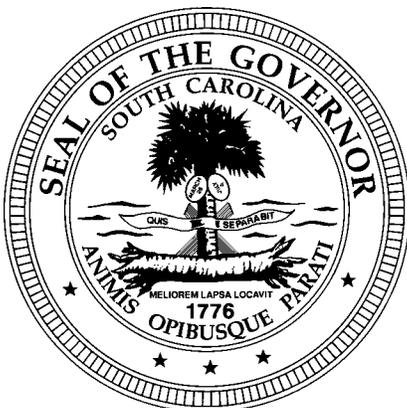
WHEREAS, through athletics, young women establish bonds that contribute to breaking down the social barriers of racism and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, female athletes in the Palmetto State have earned well-deserved recognition on the national and international level, bringing honor to their home state through their accomplishments on and beyond the athletic playing field.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 20 - 26, 2002, as

GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS WEEK

throughout the state in recognition of the thirtieth anniversary of the passage of Title IX and encourage all South Carolinians to honor female athletes for their commitment to excellence in athletics.



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