

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

**WHEREAS,** the safety of the children of the Palmetto State in their homes, neighborhoods, and schools is essential to ensuring their academic success and their future well-being; and

**WHEREAS,** when walking or biking to school or to the bus stop, children are also at risk of being injured or killed by a motor vehicle; and

**WHEREAS,** while school buses are one of the safest ways to travel to and from school, unfortunately injuries do occur, particularly when children are boarding or exiting the bus; and

**WHEREAS,** by taking the time to teach and review important safety guidelines with children before they return to school in the fall, parents can take an active role in ensuring a safe and enjoyable school year for everyone.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 19 – 25, 2001, as

**SOUTH CAROLINA  
BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to educate our young people about school safety.



*Jim Hodges*

**Jim Hodges  
Governor  
State of South Carolina**