

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

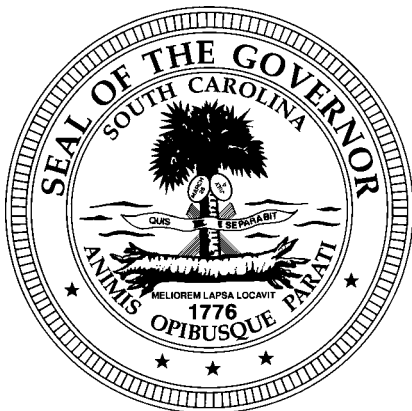
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** South Carolina is blessed with a rich and diverse history of cultural development, as evidenced by the numerous archaeological and historical sites that have been discovered and recorded throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS,** archaeological sites are unique and irreplaceable remains that represent at least 14,000 years of occupation in South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** protection and preservation of these sites and artifacts provide educational, scientific, and economic benefits for all citizens of the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2002 observance of "South Carolina Archaeology Month" provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of the Palmetto State to join together to stimulate a sense of pride in protecting these special cultural resources on land and under state waters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 12 – October 12, 2002, as

## **SOUTH CAROLINA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the archaeology of the Palmetto State and to work together to protect and preserve this important part of our rich cultural heritage.



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