

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

**WHEREAS,** American consumers enjoy the world's safest, most abundant food supply; and

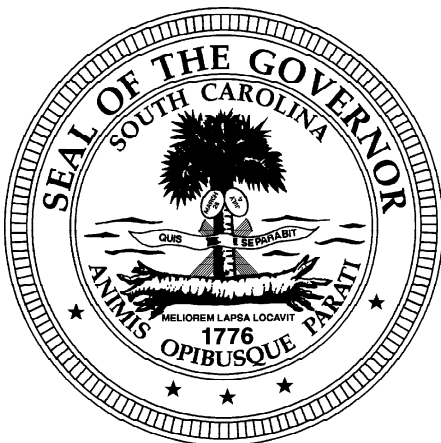
**WHEREAS,** American families and individuals spend, on average, 10.9% of their disposable personal income for food, with the standard household earning enough to pay for its annual food supply in approximately 40 days; and

**WHEREAS,** the efficiency and productivity of America's farmers and ranchers make possible the quality, affordable food supply enjoyed by citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 7, 2001, as

**FOOD CHECK-OUT DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize farmers and ranchers throughout the Palmetto State for their many contributions to our agricultural bounty and for their tireless efforts to produce quality food and fiber for our state and nation.



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