

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina is the beneficiary of an abundance of aquatic resources, providing unique locations for outdoor boating recreation for residents and visitors; and

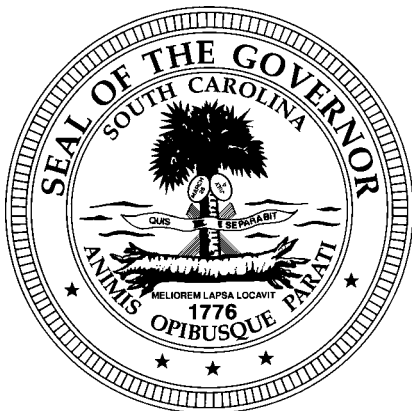
**WHEREAS,** unfortunately, boating accidents and related fatalities on South Carolina waters continue to be a major concern for the boating related officials of this state; and

**WHEREAS,** working together to raise awareness of the importance of boating safety can reduce these tragedies, while ensuring that our natural habitats are safe for all of our citizens; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 18 – 25, 2002, as

## **SAFE BOATING WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of safe boating practices on the well-being of the citizens of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Hodges".

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