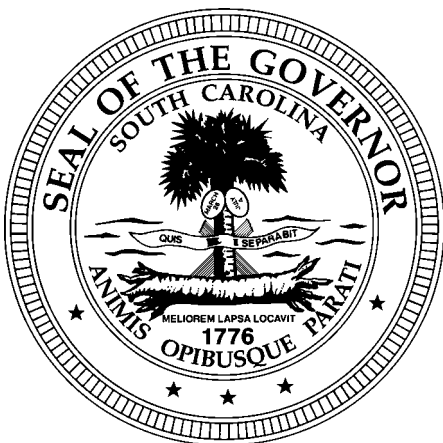


*State of South Carolina*  
*Proclamation*  
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** by managing, operating, maintaining, and supplying the communications systems that safeguard the lives of our citizens and help ensure the efficient functioning of government and industry, information technology professionals contribute to the continued well-being and quality of life of citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** information technology professionals are committed to using their skills and competencies to meet new technology challenges and to ensure the continued competitiveness of American companies in the global marketplace; and
- WHEREAS,** the free and open exchange of information and the steady advancement of telecommunications and technology contribute to the economic and industrial growth of the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2002 observance of "South Carolina's Telecommunications Managers Week" provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of South Carolina to recognize the many contributions made by information technology professionals to the safety, well-being, and quality of life of our citizens.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby** proclaim October 6 – 12, 2002, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor information technology professionals throughout the Palmetto State for their efforts to further the advancement of telecommunications and technology for the benefit of all our citizens.



*Jim Hodges*

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State of South Carolina**