

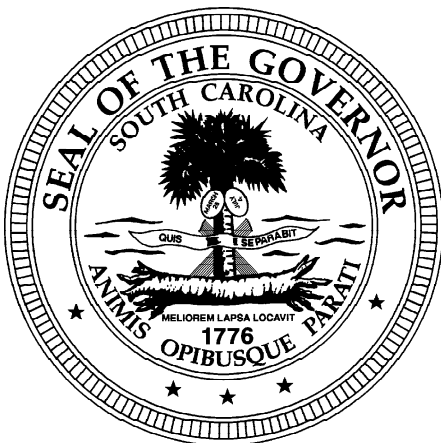
State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

- WHEREAS,** the mental and physical health of our children is essential to ensuring their future development as productive and happy citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** mental health problems in children and adolescents, including depression, anxiety, conduct, eating, and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders, can impair academic performance and lead to alcohol or other drug abuse, family discord, violence, or even suicide; and
- WHEREAS,** unfortunately, approximately two-thirds of all young people in need of mental health services are not getting the help they need; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2001 observance of "Children's Mental Health Week" provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of the Palmetto State to work together to raise understanding of children's mental health needs and to provide supportive environments for exploring alternative answers to existing problems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 6 – 12, 2001, as

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the mental health needs of the children of the Palmetto State.



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