

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, as a symbol of wilderness and of the importance of respecting biological diversity, the bear is an integral part of our nation's natural ecosystems; and

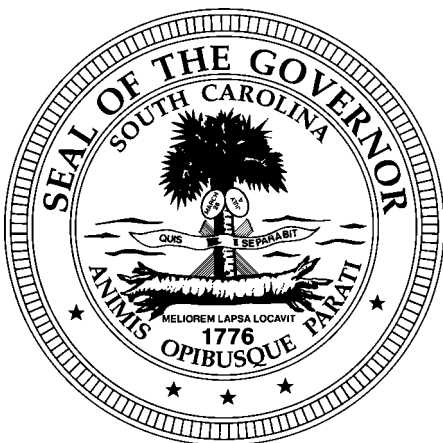
WHEREAS, the continued survival of the bear in the United States depends upon public support and increased understanding of the essential role all bear species play in nature; and

WHEREAS, "Bear Awareness Week" offers a means for dispelling misconceptions about bears and educating the public about the role these animals play in maintaining biological diversity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2 - 8, 2002, as

BEAR AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of the preservation of all species of bears.



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