

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, the quality of young children's environments and social experiences has a decisive, long-lasting impact on their well-being and ability to learn; and

WHEREAS, tragically, many children do not receive the supportive environments needed to promote healthy development and learning; and

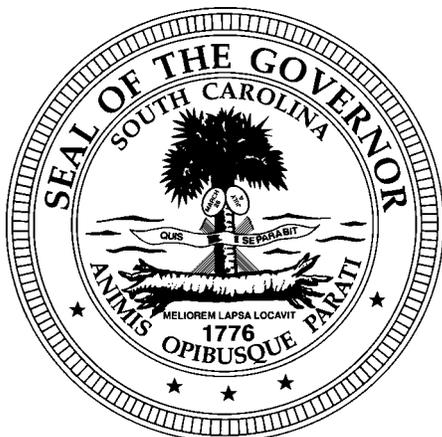
WHEREAS, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the annual celebration of the "Week of the Young Child" is a national campaign to raise public awareness of and support for appropriate learning opportunities for all young children as a long-range investment in the future of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, with the theme "*Children's Opportunities – Our Responsibilities*", the 2002 observance of the "Week of the Young Child" provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of the Palmetto State to work together to ensure that our young people have the resources necessary to achieve their maximum potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 7 – 13, 2002, as

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of quality, age-appropriate learning opportunities on the future success of the children of the Palmetto State.



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