

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, quality educational and skill development opportunities help ensure that the young people of the Palmetto State have the resources necessary to achieve their full potential and become future leaders and productive citizens of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina teens are often faced with difficult decisions regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs, sexual activity, and crime, which can have severe implications for their future lives as happy and contributing members of society; and

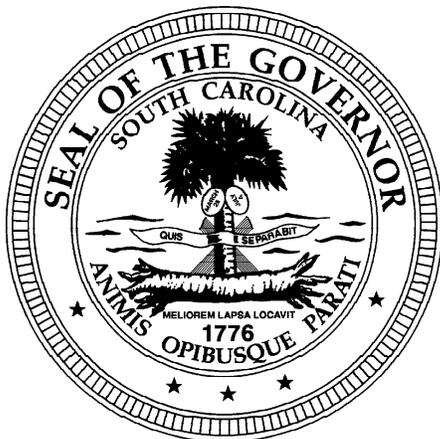
WHEREAS, tragically, some teens lack the skills and guidance necessary to make responsible decisions; and

WHEREAS, the West Columbia Youth Leadership Institute, Midlands Technical College, the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, the South Carolina Department of Social Services, Tees Me Screen Prints, and the United Black Fund of the Midlands are committed to working together with teens, parents, schools, and community leaders to ensure that our young people acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to make responsible, informed decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2001, as

TEENS IN FOCUS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to educate the young people of the Palmetto State to make responsible choices and informed decisions.



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