

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, language study is an essential part of a complete education, fostering academic, economic, and cultural growth; and

WHEREAS, French is spoken by more than 200 million people in 43 countries on 5 continents; and

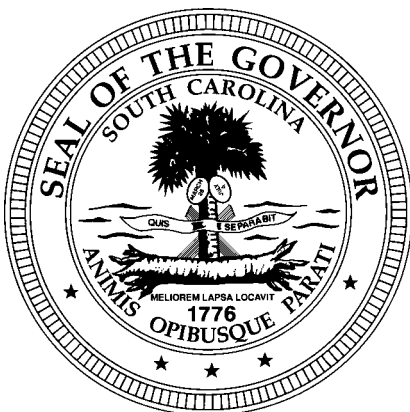
WHEREAS, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French, the annual observance of National French Week highlights the many contributions of French explorers, artists, musicians, scientists, and philosophers to world culture and civilization; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the 2002 celebration of National French Week, French teachers throughout South Carolina and the nation will organize activities designed to bring French out of the classroom and into the larger community, involving students in using the language and exploring French culture.

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

FRENCH WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of language study to the continued economic and cultural growth of the citizens of the Palmetto State.



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