

*State of South Carolina*  
*Proclamation*  
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** severe weather, including storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, and flash floods, can have adverse effects on the citizens of the Palmetto State, often causing loss of life and significant property damage; and

**WHEREAS,** a well-informed and prepared citizenry reduces the chances of personal injury and death associated with severe weather; and

**WHEREAS,** the South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division of the Office of the Adjutant General and the National Weather Service are committed to working together to educate South Carolinians about severe weather safety and preparedness.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 17 – 23, 2002 as

**SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together to increase public awareness of severe weather safety measures.



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