WHEREAS, the week of April 26 to May 3, 1947, has been selected as Boys and Girls Week throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, this observance is the 27th annual celebration of National Boys and Girls Week, and

WHEREAS, the objects of the week are to call the attention of the public to the potentialities and problems of youth so that more adults may become interested in youth-serving organizations; to give impetus to year-round programs of character-building activities for the general welfare of boys and girls; and to emphasize the importance of physical, mental, and spiritual development of youth, and

WHEREAS, world security and peace depend, to a large extent, on how well we prepare our boys and girls today to take their place as world citizens tomorrow.

THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, by the power vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week beginning Saturday, April 26 and ending Saturday, May 3, 1947, as Boys and Girls Week in this State, and I do hereby call upon the businessmen, civic organizations, churches, schools, youth clubs, and citizens at large to cooperate with their Boys and Girls Week Committees in carrying on this worthy program.

Given unto my hand and seal this 3rd day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR