A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, throughout the country and in foreign lands
"Be Kind to Animals Week" marks the observance of the efforts that have guided sentiment toward protection and consideration of animals, and

WHEREAS, Henry F. Lewith, a Charlestonian, was the author of the expression "Be Kind to Animals" and the Week April 7-13 is a time when we may justly honor his memory, and

WHEREAS, the people of South Carolina should protect the rights of both tame and wild animals. They are our friends and we should protect them from abuse.

THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, by the powers vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 7-13 as "Be Kind to Animals Week" in our State, and call upon all people to observe it by more consideration for all animals.

Given unto my hand and seal this 4th day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty seven.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor