A PROCLAMATION

(I Am An American Day)

WHEREAS, each year a large number of young men and women reach voting age, adding progressiveness and strength of youth to our voting population, and

WHEREAS, it is important that the people who are naturalized each year and who come of age have instilled into them the principles of Democracy and the American way of life, and

WHEREAS, this new group of voters and citizens aids in keeping this country progressive and Democratic in its ideas and actions,

THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, by the power vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 16, as "I Am An American Day," and request all citizens, civic organizations and churches to exert their efforts to instill the ideals of Americanism and democracy in those people recently naturalized and the young men and women who have recently reached voting age.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, my hand and seal of the State of South Carolina, this 6th day of May, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR