WHEREAS, a strong peacetime Naval Reserve, according to stated national policy, is vital if the United States is to keep its world peace pledge and, our Navy, accordingly, has created a civilian Naval Reserve to train sufficient young citizens to assure this strength, and it is of tremendous value to our Country and to our State that young citizens be given every opportunity to be educated, trained and otherwise fitted for later life; and

WHEREAS, the Navy and the Naval Reserve are endeavoring to enroll into the Reserve sufficient young people to assure these aims; and the full participation of this State is necessary to the success of this national enrollment; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has seen fit to appoint specific dates for national recognition and observance of the campaign;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, by the power vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim that the period from May 18 to May 25 inclusive be recognized and observed throughout this State as Naval Reserve Week, and the Sunday of May 25 as Naval Reserve Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of South Carolina to be affixed on this 28th day of April, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR