

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

(Closing Liquor Stores on July 4, 1947)

WHEREAS, Friday, July 4, 1947 is a national and legal holiday observed almost universally throughout South Carolina and the Nation as a day of festivities and celebrations, and

WHEREAS, Traffic on the highways throughout the State is greatly increased and large crowds are concentrated in resorts and recreational areas, and

WHEREAS, In the past an unusual and appalling number of fatalities from accidents have occurred on this day, and

WHEREAS, Every possible effort should be made to maintain sobriety, order, and decorum, since there is every reason to believe that the conditions set forth above will reoccur this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, in the interest of law and order, public morals and decorum, do hereby declare that it shall be unlawful to sell any alcoholic liquors on Friday, July 4, 1947, and order all retail liquor stores to remain closed throughout the day of July 4, 1947.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of July, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty seven.

J. Strom Thurmond
J. Strom Thurmond, Governor