

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

( Constitution Day)

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has established September 17 as an especial day to celebrate the adoption of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, four South Carolinians--J. Rutledge, Charles Pinckney, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, and Pierce Butler--were among the original signers of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, this great charter of government for 172 years has shone as a beacon light not only to Americans but to all people of the world whose hearts have held the spark of liberty, and

WHEREAS, the victorious ending of another World War has still left imperilled the American form of government guaranteed by our Constitution, and

WHEREAS, more than ever we have the deepest moral obligations to practice the ideals of the Constitutional Government given us by the Founding Fathers of our Republic,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do proclaim Wednesday, September 17, as Constitution Day in South Carolina, and urge that all citizens of our State join with those of the other States and Territories in studying the Constitution and expressing appreciation for that priceless heritage, and resolve in their hearts, with the fullest determination, that we shall never lose "the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

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

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J. Strom Thurmond, Governor