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## National Guard Day, 1947

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A PROCLAMATION  
(National Guard Day, 1947)

WHEREAS, The National Guard of the United States has been a bulwark of our military forces in struggles against foreign aggressors and the support of our people in times of national disaster; and

WHEREAS, The security of our Nation demands that the National Guard be fully manned, equipped, and trained as a force immediately available in time of national danger; and

WHEREAS, September 16, 1947, marks the seventh anniversary of the entrance of the National Guard into the Nation's service during the emergency immediately preceding World War II;

NOW, THEREFORE, In order that we may give special recognition to the men of the National Guard of South Carolina who have given their services and their lives to their country and to those who are continuing to give their services for the security of their state and country, I, J. STROM THURMOND, Governor of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, September 16, 1947, as NATIONAL GUARD DAY. I remind our citizens that a responsibility rests upon them for the support of the South Carolina National Guard, and I urge that all citizens give their earnest attention to the units of the National Guard in their communities and assist in the organization, recruiting, and development of these units in every way possible.

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

*J. Strom Thurmond*  
J. Strom Thurmond, Governor