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

(Navy Day)

WHEREAS, this is the second year of peace which our beloved country has enjoyed, since the armies of our enemies from without, have been scattered to the four winds and their navies have been scuttled and sunk, and

WHEREAS, this is the first year of our unified command system, and

WHEREAS, the navy is a powerful unit of the unified command within which at far-flung stations and aboard ship on all the waters of the globe, the men of the United States Navy stand ready to safeguard freedom, so dearly won in the late conflict, and to protect our national independence, and

WHEREAS, thousands of men and women of this state have served and now are serving with the forces of the United States Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps, and

WHEREAS, the people of this state wish to express their gratitude and sense of obligation to this distinguished branch of our armed forces,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor, of the State of South Carolina, do hereby set aside and proclaim the 27th day of October 1947, as NAVY DAY, a day to signalize the tribute of the people of the State of South Carolina to the men and ships of the United States Navy,

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of South Carolina, to be affixed.

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