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

(Marine Corps Day)

WHEREAS, the United States Marine Corps for 172 years has stood as a fortress of American freedom and a symbol of American courage throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, the United States Marine Corps has seen action - - on land, at sea, and in the air - in 102 of its 172 years, and

WHEREAS, the United States Marine Corps helped bring victory to the Allied cause in the Pacific, and

WHEREAS, the United States Marines are now patrolling the Far Eastern outposts they fought so hard to win, and

WHEREAS, the United States Marines celebrate the 172nd anniversary of their founding on November 10 with the theme "Once a Marine, always a Marine";

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim Monday, November 10, 1947, as MARINE CORPS DAY, and urge all Americans to observe it in prayer and appreciation for the mighty deeds of the Corps.

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

J. Strom Thurmond
J. Strom Thurmond, Governor