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A PROCLAMATION

(Conservation Week and Arbor Day)

WHEREAS, our forests are one of our greatest natural resources in South Carolina, and

WHEREAS, this natural resource is one of the few that are replaceable, and

WHEREAS, forest conservation is vital to perpetual contribution of shelter, fuel, income, and recreation to our people, and

WHEREAS, many existing and potential industries with their thousands of employed people are directly or indirectly dependent upon forest products, and

WHEREAS, each year at this time we set aside one week as Conservation Week and Friday of that week as Arbor Day in cooperation with the Garden Clubs, Federated Women's Clubs, the Schools, Churches, Service and Civic Organizations of South Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 30 to December 6, inclusive, as Conservation Week and Friday, December 5, as Arbor Day, and I do further respectfully urge every citizen to devote both thought and effort towards the maintenance and protection of our natural resources through careful land-use planning and through protection and proper harvesting of our forest products to perpetuate the natural beauty of South Carolina.

Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of November in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor