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

(Good Neighbor Day and Good Neighbor Year)

WHEREAS, the sixteenth annual observance of Good Neighbor Day in the United States will mark the beginning of Good Neighbor Year, and

WHEREAS, each of the 366 days of 1948, will be fraught with vital consequences to the human race, and

WHEREAS, deep in the hearts of America's millions there is an abiding desire to live as good neighbors with all persons at home and abroad, and determination to help guarantee the joys of living to them and to their descendants, and

WHEREAS, for generations it has been traditional in many lands to celebrate the new year by the exchange of gifts and, here at home, by making good resolutions, and

WHEREAS, the first day of the year is a fitting time for each of us to examine and check our past records for the purpose of improving our lives and rededicating the future to high American principles of freedom and justice for mankind;

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina do hereby designate and set aside January 1 as GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY, and the year 1948 as GOOD NEIGHBOR YEAR, and urge my fellow citizens to observe this by the display of flags of the United Nations and urge that you join with me in making this personal and prayerful Good Neighbor resolution for 1948: "I realize that the future course of the world depends upon the calibre, character, and daily performance of each individual person and I hereby seriously resolve, as a true American, to be a good neighbor in my community, to the end that my State and Nation may remain nationally strong and morally determined to acquit

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their responsibilities of leadership in the spirit  
of the Golden Rule."

Given under my hand and seal  
this 23rd day of December in  
the year of our Lord, nineteen  
hundred and forty-seven.

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J. Strom Thurmond, Governor.