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

(Future Farmers of America Week)

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina is primarily an agricultural State with 41 per cent of its population engaged in agricultural occupations, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education of the State of South Carolina in cooperation with the National Vocational Education Acts has made it possible for 234 high schools within the State to provide agricultural instruction and training for the farm youth of the communities in which these schools are located, and

WHEREAS, 221 of these Vocational Agriculture Departments have chartered chapters of the Future Farmers of America, the National Organization of, by and for farm boys studying Vocational Agriculture in public secondary schools which operate under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts, and

WHEREAS, the major purposes of the Future Farmers of America are to develop leadership, cooperation, citizenship, improved agriculture and patriotism, and

WHEREAS, the week of February 21-27, 1948 has been set aside as National Future Farmers of America Week,

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do proclaim that the week of February 21-27, 1948 be set aside and observed as Future Farmers of America Week by the people of South Carolina.

Given under my hand and seal
this 13th day of February in
the year of our Lord, nineteen
hundred and forty-eight.

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J. Strom Thurmond, Governor.