A PROCLAMATION
(National Sunday School Week)

WHEREAS, our Republic and our entire social fabric are based upon the belief in a Divine Power, and the fundamental motivation of Americans rests upon this belief, and

WHEREAS, the need for emphasizing this truth grows more apparent every month not only in our country, but in the world at large, in order to allay suspicions and dissensions which engender hate and present the worst obstacle to a just and lasting peace, and

WHEREAS, this obstacle may not be dissipated without the influence of religion, since it helps statesmen achieve the goals of justice and liberty, and

WHEREAS, educators and clergymen throughout the world recognize that it is not only important but necessary to begin indoctrinating our boys and girls in the Christian religion in Sunday school, now

THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of April 12th to 18th as NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK throughout South Carolina, and I urge the people of the entire State to cooperate and help to expand the services and activities of our Sunday Schools.

Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of April in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor