

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

(Centennial--Equal Rights for Women Movement)

WHEREAS, July 19, 1948, is the One Hundredth Anniversary of the first public demand made by women for Equal Rights at the First Woman's Rights Convention, held at Seneca Falls, New York, July 19, 1848, and

WHEREAS, the call issued to this convention by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott proved to be "a shot heard 'round the world," and

WHEREAS, few incidents in human history marked the beginnings of so important a movement as did this first "uprising" of half of the human race, and

WHEREAS, the women of America have shared equally with men in the hardships and sacrifices incident to the building of this nation, now

THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, call to the attention of the people of this State the significance in history of the day of July 19, 1848, and request that they observe July 19, 1948, as Women's Rights Centennial Day throughout the State.

Given under my hand and seal
this 28th day of June, in the
year of our Lord, Nineteen
Hundred and Forty-Eight.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor