WHEREAS, the Sunday School is the primary, the oldest, and the most valuable institution for the training of American youth, and

WHEREAS, this institution is so far-reaching in its beneficient influence on the youth of our country and is so interwoven in our way of living, and

WHEREAS, more than ever before we are in need of spiritual and moral guidance in creating the civilization of which we are potentially capable, and to face the complex and far-reaching problems which our advent into world affairs has laid upon us, and

WHEREAS, our youth of today, the potential leaders of the world of tomorrow, are charged with the solemn duty of bringing freedom, liberty and justice to all mankind, and

WHEREAS, the Sunday School is one of the institutions primarily responsible for instilling spiritual and moral strength and wisdom in our youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, by the power vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim and declare September 19-26 "National Sunday School Week" throughout South Carolina, and I request and urge all citizens, civic and business organizations, homes and churches to rededicate themselves to the support and maintenance of this great and vital institution.

Given under my hand and seal this 31 day of August in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor