

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

(Air Force Day)

WHEREAS, the 18th day of September, 1948 will mark the anniversary of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, the soldiers of our Air Force have proven themselves to be defenders of our freedom-loving people, loyal servants of our democracy, and our first line of defense against aggressors; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of research and development made by the Air Force have aided the overall aviation program throughout the Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, by the power vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 18, 1948, as Air Force Day, and call upon the citizens of South Carolina to observe this day by pledging their everlasting support to our Air Force.

Given under my hand and seal  
this 7th day of September in  
the year of our Lord, nineteen  
hundred and forty-eight.

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J. Strom Thurmond, Governor