**A PROCLAMATION**

(National Bible Week)

WHEREAS, today, more than ever before, the enemies of America's sacred traditions are bending every effort to replace Freedom and Liberty and Justice under God with National Socialism and Policing Government, and

WHEREAS, it is for liberty-loving Americans to show the world in unmistakable terms that faith and trust in the "Book of Books," which will never be burned or banned under our Constitution, will continue to be our Guide, and

WHEREAS, a belief in the Bible and its teachings by all the peoples of the world would show them unmistakably that to live at peace with their fellowmen is the only way to live in the world today,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do hereby designate and proclaim the week of October 18-24, 1948 as National Bible Week, and extend a sincere and earnest invitation to all citizens to help this movement so typically American in character and supported by typical Americans.

Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of September in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor