A PROCLAMATION
(Conservation Week and Arbor Day)

WHEREAS, our forests and forest products are essential to the livelihood, well-being and recreation of the citizens of the state, and

WHEREAS, demand and drain of our forest products is increasing daily to provide for expanding industry, and

WHEREAS, our forests are one of the few renewable natural resources, and

WHEREAS, one week of each year has been set aside as Conservation Week with Friday of that week as Arbor Day, and

WHEREAS, the Garden Club and the Federated Women's Clubs in cooperation with educators, schools, churches, civic organizations, patriotic organizations and others have annually sponsored Conservation Week, devoting their activities to programs concerning conservation of the forests, soil, water, scenic and wildlife resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 28 to December 4 inclusive as Conservation Week and do call attention to Arbor Day, which by South Carolina law is Friday, December 3, and respectfully urge every citizen to exercise thought and effort in conserving our natural resources and increasing the productivity of our forests through wise use.

Given under my hand and Seal this 17th day of November in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor