

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

(To Strengthen South Carolina National Guard)

WHEREAS, Public Law 759 of the 80th Congress, also known as the Selective Service Act of 1948 provides in Section 6 (c)(2)A that in any case in which the Governor of any State determines and issues a proclamation to the effect that the authorized strength of any organized unit of the National Guard cannot be maintained by enlistment or appointment of persons who are not liable for training and service under such Act, or any persons who served honorably on active duty between September 16, 1940, and June 24, 1948 for a period of ninety days or more but less than twelve months in the Army, the Air Force, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Public Health Service, or the armed Forces of any country allied with the United States in World War II prior to September 2, 1945, any person, who prior to attaining the age of 18 years and six months, enlists or accepts appointment in any such organized unit shall be deferred from training and service under this Act so long as he continues to serve satisfactorily as a member of such organized unit, and

WHEREAS, I have determined that the authorized strength of certain organized units of the South Carolina National Guard cannot be maintained by the enlistment or appointment of persons in the categories referred to above.

NOW, THEREFORE, I J. Strom Thurmond in accordance with Public Law 759 80th Congress and by virtue of the authority vested me as Governor of the State of South Carolina, in order that the South Carolina National Guard may discharge its responsibility to the security of the Nation, do hereby proclaim that the authorized strength of certain organized units of the South Carolina National Guard cannot be maintained through the enlistment or appointment of persons referred to in Section 6 (c)(2) A.

AND I HEREBY direct the Adjutant General of South Carolina to maintain a current list of those organized units of the South Carolina National Guard which have not reached or cannot be maintained at their authorized strengths as designated from time to time by him under my direction.

I also invite young men from the age of 17 to 18 years and six months to enlist in those organized units of the South Carolina National Guard which are not at authorized strength and thus meet their obligation of service to their country while at the same time they continue their education or employment.

Given under my hand and seal
this twelfth day of November
in the Year of our Lord,
Nineteen Hundred and Forty-
eight.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor