A PROCLAMATION
(Peach Blossom Festival Week, March 14-20, 1949)

WHEREAS, the peach orchards of South Carolina are growing increasingly important in the State's economy, producing more fruit for shipping than the trees of any other State, and

WHEREAS, this delectable fruit is heralded by one of the most beautiful flowers in nature -- the peach blossom, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Johnston, located on the fair and healthful Ridge section, is the center for the celebration of the merits of this delicious fruit and its lovely blossom,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby designate and proclaim the week of March 14-20 as Peach Blossom Festival Week in the State, and I urge our citizens to attend the Peach Blossom Festival in Johnston, South Carolina.

Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor