A PROCLAMATION
(Booker T. Washington Birthday, April 5, 1949)

WHEREAS, Booker T. Washington, noted Negro educator, made contributions to our American way of life sufficiently large to be recognized on memorial postage and coinage issues, and to be added to the nation's Hall of Fame, and

WHEREAS, the philosophy and teachings of Booker T. Washington in the matter of racial understanding and harmony are worthy of study today,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby direct the attention of the people of this State to the national observance on April 5, 1949, of the birthday of Booker T. Washington.

Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor