

A P R O C L A M A T I O N
(Patriots' Day, April 19, 1949)

WHEREAS April 19 has long been celebrated in various States of our Union as Patriots' Day, to mark the anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord where "the embattled farmers stood and fired the shot heard round the world" in the cause of freedom, and

WHEREAS the critical state of the world today demands that the full force of every American be exerted toward strengthening this country's power for peace, and

WHEREAS the strength of our nation depends upon the wise management of our economic resources, personal and national, and

WHEREAS the United States Savings Bonds program builds economic strength and stability for our nation and our people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby call upon the citizens of this State to observe April 19, 1949, as PATRIOTS' DAY, to pay honor to the Minute Men of 1775 and also the Men and Women who are working today as volunteers in the Savings Bonds program in our State, knowing that only the strong can be free and only the productive and thrifty can be strong;

And, Further, I call upon the citizens of this State to make this PATRIOTS' DAY A DAY OF

rededication to thrift in their daily lives through the regular purchase of United States Savings Bonds by volunteering to serve as Minute Men in the 1949 Opportunity Savings Bonds drive, May 16th through June 30th, thus helping to fortify our people and our nation against whatever the future may bring and to create opportunity for better living in peace and continuing prosperity in this land of freedom.

Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor