

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

(Be Kind To Animals Week)

WHEREAS South Carolina in the past several years has joined with other states in the observance of KINDNESS TO ANIMALS WEEK, and

WHEREAS humane consideration of animals has long marked our country as leader in this noble cause, and

WHEREAS animals have often proved to be man's most faithful friend and, therefore, worthy of his care and kindly treatment, and

WHEREAS love of justice, kindness, fair-play, should be developed in the minds and hearts of the children, and special effort should be made to observe this week in all our schools, thus carrying out the purpose of our state law on humane education, and

WHEREAS as great people are always kind people, the importance of this recognition of justice and mercy to dumb animals cannot be over-stressed in our land.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of May 1 - 7, 1949, as BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK in the State of South Carolina.

Given under my hand and seal this 30th day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Nine.

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J. Strom Thurmond, Governor