A PROCLAMATION
(National Cotton Week)

WHEREAS the largest single crop in the agricultural economy of South Carolina is cotton and a vast part of this State's industrialization is for the purpose of converting this product into textiles, and

WHEREAS every encouragement should be given to the further development of this crop and to extend the use of the products manufactured from it, and

WHEREAS the citizens of South Carolina should be encouraged to use and should encourage the use of goods manufactured from cotton.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, by the power vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of May 9 - 14 as NATIONAL COTTON WEEK, and urge all people to pay particular attention to the contribution and value of the cotton textile industry and the cotton farmers in South Carolina.

Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of May, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor