A PROCLAMATION
(Closing Liquor Stores on July 4, 1949)

WHEREAS, Monday, July 4, 1949, is a national and legal Holiday to be observed throughout South Carolina and the Nation, in observance of Independence Day, and

WHEREAS, this holiday in the past has been accompanied by a high peak of traffic fatalities because of increased use of highways and the concentration of crowds near resorts and recreational areas, and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of sobriety will contribute to order and decorum in the celebration of Independence Day and help to reduce the number of fatalities on the highways of South Carolina,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, in the interest of law and order, public morals and decorum, do hereby declare that it shall be unlawful to sell any alcoholic liquors on Monday, July 4, 1949, and order all retail liquor stores to remain closed throughout the day of July 4, 1949.

Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of June in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor