A PROCLAMATION
(Third Army Day 1949)

WHEREAS, the sovereign state of South Carolina is one of seven adjoining sister states comprising the Third Army Area; and

WHEREAS, the date of August 1, 1949, is the fifth anniversary of that date on which the famous Third Army first became operational; and

WHEREAS, in its brilliant and victorious drive across the continent of Europe it materially assisted in the liberation of those people and nations which had been enslaved by the ruthless coalition of Axis aggressors; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices of life and limb made by the members of the Third Army in the accomplishment of this mission enabled this nation to remain free and enjoy its priceless and traditional heritage of liberty for all citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, as Governor of the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim August 1, 1949, as Third Army Day in South Carolina and I invite the Mayors of the various cities to issue proclamations for appropriate observances on that day in such a manner to render appropriate honor to the famous Third Army of the United States of America.

Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of July, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor