

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

(Constitution Day)

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States was adopted by the Constitutional Convention, and has become the fundamental law of the land, and

WHEREAS, although certain additions have been made to our Constitution, the basic document has remained unchanged and unshaken throughout troubled years to maintain a government of the people, by the people and for the people, to preserve justice, and glorify the blessings of liberty -- all of which has made possible our high state of civilization, the like of which is not to be found anywhere else in the world, and

WHEREAS, today, 162 years after it was adopted, the Constitution of the United States remains as the one hope of freedom-loving people all over the world and stands as the most solid single political guide the world has ever known.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 17, 1949, as CONSTITUTION DAY and urge all churches, schools, civic and patriotic organizations and all citizens, to arrange and take part in appropriate programs to the end that we, the people who benefit from the Constitution, shall have a better understanding of and greater respect for the gifts of liberty, equality, and justice granted us by the Constitution.

Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-nine.

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J. Strom Thurmond, Governor