

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

(National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week)

WHEREAS, the physically handicapped men and women of this State are useful citizens who have a just and rightful place in the economic life of this State, and

WHEREAS, employment records have proven that handicapped workers, when properly trained and placed, are of great value to business and industry, and

WHEREAS, the employment of the physically handicapped has proven beneficial not only to them but also to employers and to the State as a whole and should be encouraged, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of our responsibility to citizens who have been physically handicapped by war or are otherwise disabled, the State and National governments have provided special training and rehabilitation for the handicapped, and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has designated the first week in October of each year as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week" and has urged the people of this State and Nation to join in appropriate ceremonies, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina do hereby designate and proclaim the week beginning October 2, 1949, as NATIONAL EMPLOY THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED WEEK and call upon the people of this State to cooperate with the officials of our State and Nation and with the public-spirited citizens in our communities to promote the program of employment for the physically handicapped; and I especially call upon the leaders of industry and labor, and civic, veterans', and farm organizations, to render full support to the observance of this week and to the effective implementation of this vital program.

Given under my hand and seal  
this 14th day of September  
in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen  
Hundred and Forty-Nine.

---

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor