

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

(Children's Day)

WHEREAS, the future of the United States depends upon the education and health and welfare of its children, and

WHEREAS, it seems appropriate to set apart one day each year to call attention to the basic educational, health, recreational and welfare needs of children and to discuss better ways of meeting them, and

WHEREAS, the Children's Day National Council has pointed out that there are many pressing needs of children which are being sorely neglected; that among these is the need for thousands of new schools because many schools are shamefully outmoded and over-crowded; the need for dental care which 75% of American school children lack; the need for better eye care as evinced by the fact that 10 million children now have defective vision; the need to combat tuberculosis which now afflicts 175,000 of our children; the need to combat our mounting rate of juvenile delinquency, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim that Sunday, October 16, 1949, be observed as CHILDREN'S DAY and I urge all adults and all churches, social welfare, civic and community organizations on that day, or during the week proceeding it, to consider the educational, health, recreational and welfare needs of the children of their neighborhood and community, and of the State and the Nation, and to discuss better ways of meeting these needs.

Given under my hand and seal this
26th day of September, in the Year
of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and
Forty-Nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor