WHEREAS, the causes that make for war still exist in the hunger and need of many peoples of the world as a result of the destructive effect of World War II, and

WHEREAS, the Christian doctrine of love for humanity causes us to be concerned about those in need, and,

WHEREAS, the Christian Rural Overseas Program ("CROP") is sponsored by American churches to enable our farmers to contribute some of the produce of their land to be distributed overseas to the destitute, and

WHEREAS, this hunger relief program has been heartily endorsed by church and farm groups in this State,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do hereby designate and proclaim the week of October 23-29, 1949, as "C R O P Week" in South Carolina, and I urge all church and farm organizations in the State to cooperate by collecting gifts for this worthy project.

Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor