WHEREAS, the pleasant social custom of exchanging letters has been for more than two centuries a builder of friendship among men, and

WHEREAS, the practice of writing letters is a social grace which permits one to pause amid the hustle and bustle of modern life to renew old relationships and cement new ones, and

WHEREAS, the words of faith, encouragement, and affection which so often come through the medium of personal correspondence always serve to strengthen the determination and the moral spirit of those who receive them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby designate and proclaim the week of October 17-23 as Letter Writing Week in this State, and I call upon our people to renew and increase their personal correspondence with members of the family, relatives, friends and old neighbors during this week.

Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor