WHEREAS, dentistry is a health service profession dedicated to the promotion and preservation of oral health through the media of research, prevention and various operative procedures; and

WHEREAS, tooth decay, especially in the mouths of children, is a very prevalent physical disorder which, if not given proper attention, will inevitably lead to more serious consequences; and

WHEREAS, the dentists of South Carolina realize fully the importance of good health for everyone, particularly the children of today who will be the adults of tomorrow, and are also cognizant of the value of dental health education and the importance of regular and adequate professional care; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Dental Association and the Division of Dental Health of the South Carolina State Board of Health have made plans to publicize the need for dental care in South Carolina and make available to the citizens of South Carolina information on the proper care of the teeth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim and designate the week of February 6-11, 1950 as Children's Dental Health Week, and do urge all agencies, organizations, and individuals to seriously consider the purpose for which this week has been set apart and to observe it by conducting such programs as will awaken the people of South Carolina to the need of year-round Community Dental Health Programs for the protection and development of the health of our children.

Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of January in the Year Of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor