

A P R O C L A M A T I O N
(Future Farmers of America Week)

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina is dependent in a large measure upon its agricultural economy, with 35 per cent of its population living on farms, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education of the State of South Carolina, in cooperation with the administration of the National Vocational Education Acts, has made it possible for 238 high schools within the State to provide agricultural instruction and training for the farm youth of the communities in which these schools are located, and

WHEREAS, 230 of these Vocational Agriculture Departments have chartered chapters of the Future Farmers of America, the National Organization of, by and for farm boys studying vocational agriculture, and

WHEREAS, the major purposes of the Future Farmers of America are to develop leadership, cooperation, citizenship, improved agriculture and patriotism, and

WHEREAS, the week of February 19-25, 1950, has been designated as National Future Farmers of America Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim that the week of February 19-25, 1950, shall be set aside and observed as Future Farmers of America Week by the citizens of this State.

Given under my hand and seal
this 17th day of February, in
the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen
Hundred and Fifty.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor