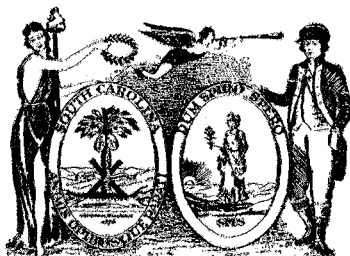


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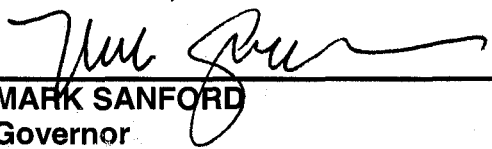
**WHEREAS**, Section 53-5-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws allows the Governor to declare Christmas Eve of each year a holiday for state government employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Act 295 of 2004, provides that "[n]otwithstanding Section 53-5-20, the Governor is authorized to declare Thursday, December 23, 2004, as the Christmas Eve holiday for state government employees," in order to give them three consecutive days off during the holiday season, as in previous years; and

**WHEREAS**, I encourage all state government employees to celebrate the holiday season by spending time with family and friends and to reflect on the blessings of the past year and look forward to the arrival of the New Year.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to Act 295 of 2004, I hereby declare Thursday, December 23, 2004, as the Christmas Eve holiday for state government employees.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF  
NOVEMBER, 2004.

  
MARK SANFORD  
Governor

  
ATTEST:   
MARK HAMMOND  
SECRETARY OF STATE