WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States, our leaders have called on the American people to observe a day of solemn and humble prayer in order to seek guidance, wisdom, protection and grace from God; and

WHEREAS, from the days of the early settlers through modern times, during periods of difficulty, threat, or disaster, citizens have come together prayerfully in search of God’s will and the strength, courage, and direction to move beyond the crisis; and

WHEREAS, our country is continually threatened by forces from within and without that are working to erode the safety, prosperity, freedom and faith of the American people; and

WHEREAS, now is a time to summon the power of prayer in defense of our communities, states and nation, humbly reaching out to God to forgive our transgressions, safeguard our freedoms, watch over our troops, and bless us with hope for the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 5, 2006, as

A DAY OF SOLEMN AND HUMBLE PRAYER

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in prayer, acknowledging our shortcomings, asking for His divine blessing and protection, and giving thanks for the continued security and prosperity He bestows upon us.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA