

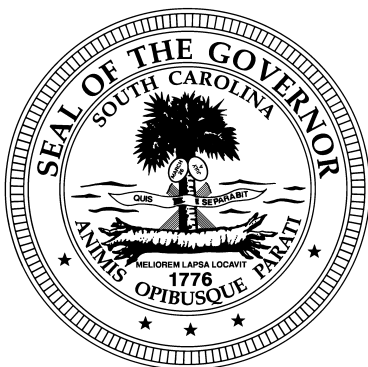
State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** every child deserves the chance to live and grow in a loving, caring and supportive home; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 300 children in South Carolina are awaiting identification of families to provide the stable and nurturing environments they need to achieve their full potential; and
- WHEREAS,** many of these children have special needs, including physical, mental, or emotional disabilities, age, or a necessity to be placed as a sibling group, that complicate placement in a permanent home; and
- WHEREAS,** families able and willing to adopt children with special needs are at the forefront of fulfilling our responsibility to one of our most vulnerable populations; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2005 observance of Adoption Awareness Month honors adoptive families for their positive contributions to the well-being of our children and our communities.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2005 as

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to consider becoming adoptive parents for the future well-being of the many children waiting for permanent families.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA