

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** alcohol use is associated with the leading causes of death, injury, and domestic problems, including vehicle crashes, homicides and suicides, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, cirrhosis of the liver, cancer of the gastrointestinal tract, and birth defects; and

**WHEREAS,** alcohol use is the major cause of loss of life for young people ages 15 – 24 in South Carolina, accounting for 45 percent of their fatalities, with 11 percent of all deaths in our state caused by alcohol – related accidents and illnesses; and

**WHEREAS,** almost half of all alcoholic families in South Carolina have neglected or abused their children who exhibit emotional and adjustment difficulties and are up to four times more likely than other children to develop alcoholism themselves; and

**WHEREAS,** with the theme “SAVE A LIFE – END UNDERAGE DRINKING,” this year’s observance of Alcohol Awareness Month recognizes the importance of community support to the success of alcohol treatment programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2004 as

### ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to support efforts that curb underage drinking and promote healthy lifestyles.



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

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**