

# 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, and 11 percent of all deaths in our state caused by alcohol – related accidents and illnesses; and

**WHEREAS,** 74 percent of 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>- graders have tried alcohol, and it is the most commonly used drug by high school seniors; and

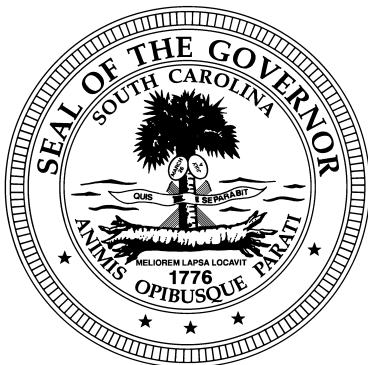
**WHEREAS,** the typical young person will see 100,000 beer commercials before the age of 18; and

**WHEREAS,** with the theme "A CALL TO ACTION," this 20<sup>th</sup> annual observance of Alcohol Awareness Month seeks to highlight the dangers of underage drinking and to identify workable solutions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2006 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**