WHEREAS, native to South America, alpacas have been domesticated for thousands of years and are currently used for many things, including fiber production, breeding stock, and investments; and

WHEREAS, the alpaca is known for its luxurious and durable fleece which is used to make products that provide durable, hypoallergenic warmth; and

WHEREAS, the number of farms in the Palmetto State dedicated to raising the alpaca is rising; and

WHEREAS, the alpaca is an “earth friendly” species, allowing farmers to maintain green space.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2007, as ALPACA FARM DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize alpaca farmers for their contributions to the economy and environment of the Palmetto State.