

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** trees are a vital and renewable resource, giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and other products that support South Carolina's third largest manufacturing industry; and

**WHEREAS,** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS,** Arbor Day was first observed in 1872 to recognize the importance of trees to our quality of life and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands for future generations; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2003 celebration of Arbor Week provides an opportunity to celebrate trees as an essential natural resource and to work together to safeguard our forests and wooded areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 30 - December 6, 2003, as

### ARBOR WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to plant a tree in celebration of their important role in our ecosystem.



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

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