WHEREAS, the youth of our state and nation are our hope for tomorrow and it is essential they have sufficient occupational information as they plan for their post-secondary education and future careers; and

WHEREAS, through its Student Testing and Career Exploration Program, the Department of Defense is providing a comprehensive version of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), with civilian education specialists and knowledgeable military personnel interpreting the scores and providing valuable information for careers in the private sector as well as the armed services; and

WHEREAS, administered without cost to high school and college students throughout the country, the ASVAB yields valuable information which enables school and career development counselors to better assist students with their future education and career planning.

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

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the benefits of vocational aptitude testing to the higher education and career plans of the students of the Palmetto State.