WHEREAS, the retail automobile and truck industry is a vital part of the economy of our state and nation, providing approximately 1 million jobs in rural, suburban, and urban areas; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the industry has experienced strong growth and advances in technology that have created a need for additional educated and well-trained professionals; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of the employment opportunities available within dealerships can help encourage students to explore the career possibilities offered by the industry; and

WHEREAS, during Automotive Career Month, dealers partner with manufacturers and educational professionals to host events that help inform students, teachers, and parents about the wide array of career opportunities available in the industry.

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

AUTOMOTIVE CAREER MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the rewarding career opportunities available in the retail automobile and truck industry for young people in the Palmetto State.