

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina is fortunate to have a diverse wealth of natural waterways, including 5 major estuaries draining watersheds originating from as far away as western North Carolina, over 165 linear miles of beaches dotted with more than 40 barrier and sea islands, over half a million acres of salt marsh, and freshwater wetlands covering a quarter of our state's land area; and

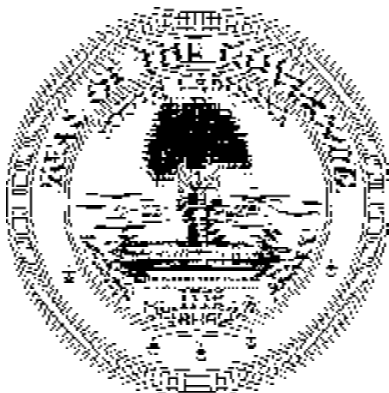
WHEREAS, aquatic debris chokes our waterways and oceans, threatening the lives of thousands of animals and birds and putting human health and safety at risk; and

WHEREAS, as part of the International Coastal Cleanup sponsored by The Ocean Conservancy, Beach Sweep/River Sweep Day is the largest one-day cleanup of South Carolina's beaches and waterways, with volunteers collecting an average of 52 tons of debris each year while raising awareness of the importance of being good stewards of our environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2003, as

BEACH SWEEP/RIVER SWEEP DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to keep our beaches, marshes, and inland waterways litter free.



A stylized, high-contrast signature of Mark Sanford.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA