WHEREAS, the first annual Boone Hall BBQ Cook-Off and Bluegrass Festival will bring together competitors to vie for the winning designation as a South Carolina State Barbecue Champion; and

WHEREAS, as part of a fun-filled weekend with live bluegrass music, great food, vendors, and rides and games for the kids, this competition is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of barbeque as a culinary art and a sport; and

WHEREAS, with cooking teams participating in professional, amateur, and tailgating competitions, the winner of the professional division will qualify for the national invitational championship event; and

WHEREAS, the Boone Hall BBQ Cook-Off & Bluegrass Festival celebrates the unique barbecue traditions of South Carolina while bringing positive national recognition to the Palmetto State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 29 - 30, 2005, as

BOONE HALL BBQ COOK-OFF & BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL DAYS

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the rich diversity of this festive event.