

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, breast cancer claims the lives of thousands of American women every year, no matter a woman's age, race, or income; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3,170 women in South Carolina will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and an estimated 610 women will die from breast cancer in 2006; and

WHEREAS, following recommended screening procedures, including self breast exams, mammograms, and clinical examinations, can lead to early detection and prompt treatment of breast cancer, greatly increasing the chances for survival; and

WHEREAS, wearing pink ribbons during the month of October supports awareness of and advocacy for breast cancer screening and early detection and honors the women who have died from breast cancer or are currently battling the disease.

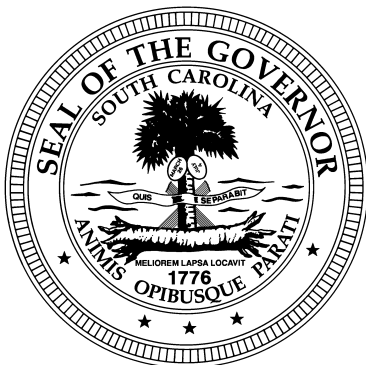
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2006 as

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and October 8 - 15, 2006, as

PINK RIBBON WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to remember that "Early Detection is the Best Protection . . . Every Year for Life!"



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA