WHEREAS, cancer registrars help health care professionals better meet the needs of patients with cancer by collecting and maintaining data on persons diagnosed with this devastating disease; and

WHEREAS, data collected by cancer registrars is used by physicians to monitor treatment and continuing care of patients and by epidemiologists to track the cancer activity throughout South Carolina and the nation; and

WHEREAS, cancer registrars throughout the Palmetto State are committed to promoting the latest medical advances in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer; and

WHEREAS, National Cancer Registrars Week recognizes the contributions that professional cancer registrars make to the field of allied health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 4 – 8, 2005, as CANCER REGISTRARS WEEK throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of cancer registrars in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.