WHEREAS, trichotillomania (TTM) is an impulse disorder that causes those affected to pull out hair from the scalp, eyelashes, eyebrows, and other areas of the body; and

WHEREAS, an estimated four to eleven million Americans suffer from TTM with symptoms appearing most frequently during pre- or early adolescence; and

WHEREAS, although no single treatment is totally effective for all people, some individuals suffering from TTM can find relief from behavior modification, prescription medications, and support groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 1-8, 2006, as TRICHOTILLOMANIA AWARENESS WEEK throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about this disorder and help reduce the feelings of shame, isolation, and loss of control sometimes experienced by those affected by TTM.

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