WHEREAS, from our nation’s earliest beginnings, America has inspired the hopes and dreams of countless individuals from around the world who have come to share in our gifts of freedom, justice, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, with their vibrant traditions and unique history, Caribbean-Americans have made countless contributions to the fabric of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, through their strong spirit and character, these immigrants made lives for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the third annual national Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2008 as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the accomplishments of Caribbean-Americans in the Palmetto State.