WHEREAS, preparation for a purposeful career path helps ensure gainful employment best utilizing one’s skills and talents, while providing potential employers with a well-prepared workforce ready to meet the challenges of the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, in schools, career development programs enable students to gain a realistic understanding of how formal education prepares them for career opportunities; and

WHEREAS, career development activities in our communities contribute to lower unemployment as people identify careers that match their interests and desired work environments; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, “It’s Not Just My Job, It’s My Career!”, the 2003 National Career Development Month highlights the importance of lifelong career development and the empowerment of all people to be successful and happy in their chosen careers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2003 as

CAREER DEVELOPMENT MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of career development on employment opportunities and quality of life.