WHEREAS, economic and technological advances in society directly influence the structure and nature of business, placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides a school-to-careers connection, giving high school students experience in practical and meaningful applications of basic skills while motivating potential dropouts and affording all students leadership opportunities in their fields and communities; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education helps build a strong, well-educated workforce by offering lifelong learning opportunities to enhance career choices and satisfaction, fostering productivity in business and industry and contributing to America’s leadership in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, increasing cooperation between educators, businesspeople and industry leaders helps stimulate the growth and vitality of the economy by preparing graduates for work in the largest and fastest-growing career fields of the next decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 13 – 19, 2005, as

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION WEEK

to encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the services and benefits offered by career and technical programs across the Palmetto State.

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