WHEREAS, when entered into wisely, marriage can enrich the lives of individuals, homes, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, as an affirmation of two people’s dedication to each other, the vows of marriage can provide the foundation for a lifetime of joy; and

WHEREAS, Celebrate Marriage Week recognizes the dedication of married couples throughout our state for their commitment to working together to achieve common goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 16 – 22, 2005, as

CELEBRATE MARRIAGE WEEK

and October 20, 2005, as

CELEBRATE YOUR SPOUSE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the happiness marriage can bring when taken seriously and entered into wisely.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA