WHEREAS, the quality and efficiency of management in government have a major impact on the lives of citizens and the orderly functioning of society; and

WHEREAS, public manager certification contributes to maintaining and improving the effectiveness and professionalism of government managers; and

WHEREAS, certified public managers participate in leadership, decision-making, and organizational and research management training, while enhancing their knowledge of public policy; and

WHEREAS, certified public managers throughout the Palmetto State uphold the highest standards of integrity and servant leadership, performing their duties with honesty and fairness and setting an example of true professionalism.

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

CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our certified public managers for their commitment to enhancing the quality and availability of government services.