

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** because our young people are the future stewards of our communities, state, and nation, we must educate them to be involved, caring citizens of good character; and

**WHEREAS,** children need strong and constructive guidance from their families, communities, and schools to develop a foundation of principles upon which to make sound decisions when faced with difficult choices; and

**WHEREAS,** in this dynamic time of unparalleled opportunity and possibility, our children will encounter a variety of new challenges that will test the strength of their character and convictions; and

**WHEREAS,** working together to teach our young people that character counts in personal relationships, in school, and in the workplace helps ensure that they have the core values they need to be good citizens, including trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 19 - 25, 2003, as

### CHARACTER COUNTS! WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of instilling our children with good character traits.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**