

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, our nation was founded on the principles of religious diversity and freedom, and South Carolina has upheld this tradition of religious tolerance throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, the interfaith efforts of various churches and faith groups have a rich history in the Palmetto State and diverse beliefs have played an important role in the development of our communities; and

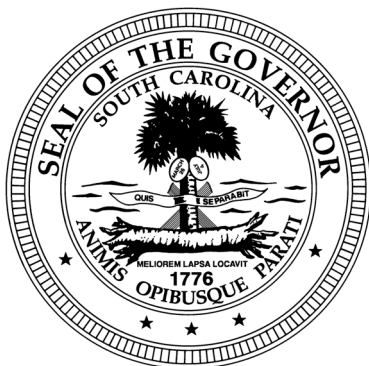
WHEREAS, interfaith coalitions, dialogues, and activities are growing locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Interfaith Week celebrates our religious and cultural differences and acknowledges the ways in which our diversity enriches our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 7 - 13, 2003, as

INTERFAITH WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of religious tolerance in safeguarding the American values of freedom and democracy.



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MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA