WHEREAS, local events, festivals, and celebrations throughout South Carolina foster community solidarity by providing unique settings for the gathering of friends and neighbors and the showcasing of local culture, talents, and achievements; and

WHEREAS, Jubilee: Festival of Heritage has been celebrated in Columbia for the past 25 years as a tribute to the richness and diversity of African-American heritage and culture; and

WHEREAS, this festival captures the historical perspective of life in the nineteenth century while drawing attention to the significant contributions of African-Americans in shaping the history of both Columbia and South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 28 - 30, 2003, as SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF JUBILEE: FESTIVAL OF HERITAGE DAYS throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the contributions of African-Americans to our capitol city and our state.