WHEREAS, each year, thousands of residents of the Palmetto State lose the ability to tend to their personal, health, and daily needs due to accidents, illnesses, age, health conditions, or other causes and find themselves in need of long term care; and

WHEREAS, in addition to nursing homes and other institutions, long term care services can be provided by adult day-care and senior centers, local organizations and community agencies, and individual caregivers and family members; and

WHEREAS, early awareness of and planning for the possibility of long term care needs can help alleviate the emotional and financial strain on families in the event of future disability.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2006 as

LONG TERM CARE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to consider long term care in their financial planning for the future.