WHEREAS, our children are our most cherished treasures, and we must do everything possible to ensure their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, “Children and Healthcare Week” is an annual international public awareness campaign designed to educate children, families, healthcare professionals, and communities about the importance of quality health care to the physical and emotional development of our young people; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 observance of “Children and Healthcare Week” calls attention to the emotional and developmental needs of children in healthcare settings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 24 - 28, 2003, as

CHILDREN AND HEALTHCARE WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the healthcare needs of our children.