

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, first called for in 1775 when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, days of prayer have continued through our country's history; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer was established as an annual event in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman; and

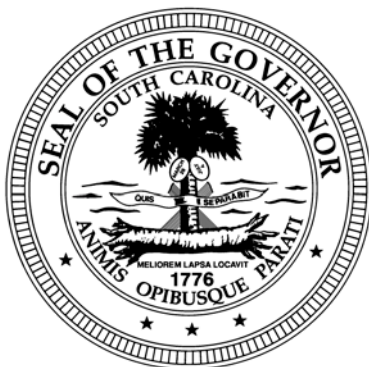
WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans; it is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds and faiths to pray for wisdom, guidance, and protection on behalf of our families, government leaders, military, and civil servants; and

WHEREAS, with the theme "Let Freedom Ring," the 2004 National Day of Prayer provides an opportunity to pray for our nation, its people and its leaders, while honoring the commitment to religious liberty and tolerance that contributes to our continued strength.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2004, as

SOUTH CAROLINA DAY OF PRAYER

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate this event in a manner consistent with their own faith.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA