

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, doulas provide continuous support to mothers during labor and delivery, helping them cope with the physical and mental demands of giving birth; and

WHEREAS, drawing on their specialized training and experience to guide women through the stress and pain of labor and delivery, doulas provide emotional support and physical comfort measures that enhance the childbirth experience for the entire family; and

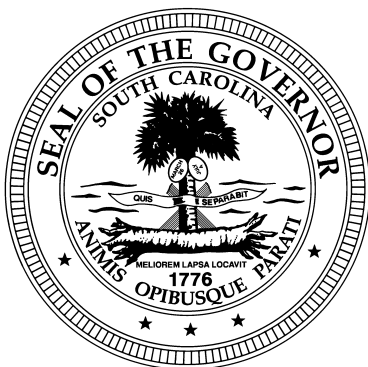
WHEREAS, doulas work with medical staff, including doctors, midwives, and nurses, to provide informational support to mothers-to-be and help with their transition to confident and competent mothers; and

WHEREAS, doulas across the Palmetto State help create positive childbirth experiences and memories for the expectant family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2005, as

SOUTH CAROLINA DOULA DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor our doulas for the invaluable service and support they provide to mothers and



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MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA