

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the early residents of South Carolina defended their homes and families by dropping their plows and picking up their rifles in defense of freedom; and

WHEREAS, tracing its heritage to the honor, courage, and heroism of the Minutemen, the South Carolina Air National Guard was organized and formed on December 9, 1946, at Congaree Air Base in Lower Richland County; and

WHEREAS, with units activated and deployed during the Korean Conflict, the Berlin Crisis, Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom, the South Carolina Air National Guard has built a worldwide reputation for excellence in combat and has become an integral piece of America's military might; and

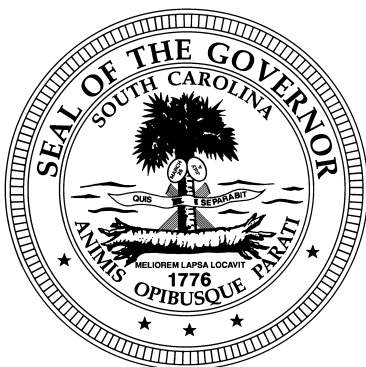
WHEREAS, the South Carolina Air National Guard has served the Palmetto State by swiftly responding when called to render aid and assistance during natural disasters and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, this year, the South Carolina Air National Guard celebrates its 60th Anniversary of dedicated service to our state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 9, 2006, as

SOUTH CAROLINA AIR NATIONAL GUARD DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join in honoring the dedicated men and women - past and present - of the South Carolina Air National Guard and in remembering and celebrating not only six decades of service by the Guard but also more than three centuries of service by the Minutemen who left their families, businesses, and communities to defend their homes, state and nation.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA