WHEREAS, since its establishment in 1807, the Washington Light Infantry has answered our Country’s call to arms and assisted in guarding our freedom and protecting the rights we value as Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Light Infantry has furnished, trained, and armed units and individual soldiers to serve in conflicts and to maintain the peace, earning the respect and gratitude of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Light Infantry has long engaged in charitable and humanitarian endeavors, currently donating to numerous charities and awarding several scholarships for young adults to attend The Citadel; and

WHEREAS, the two hundred year anniversary celebration of the Washington Light Infantry calls attention to the courageous deeds of members past and present; and

WHEREAS, historic militia units from the original States, organized as the Centennial Legion of Historic Military Commands, will gather in Charleston to honor the Washington Light Infantry.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2007, as

WASHINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY CELEBRATION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the many contributions of the Washington Light Infantry and its members over the past two hundred years.