WHEREAS, end stage renal disease is irreversible kidney failure which is treatable only by dialysis or transplantation; and

WHEREAS, dialysis acts as an artificial kidney, filtering wastes from the blood and enabling those affected by end stage renal disease to lead full and active lives; and

WHEREAS, approximately 400,000 Americans, including about 6,000 South Carolinians, are currently on dialysis; and

WHEREAS, End Stage Renal Disease Education Week provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the causes of and treatment options for kidney failure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 8 – 12, 2005, as

END STAGE RENAL DISEASE EDUCATION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the needs of the people affected by kidney disease and dialysis.

MARK SANFORD
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