

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**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.



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

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**