WHEREAS, faith based initiatives represent compassionate efforts by churches and other religion-based community groups to improve our communities through programs to help the homeless, prisoners, at-risk youth, addicts, the elderly, and families moving from welfare to work; and

WHEREAS, faith based initiatives throughout South Carolina and the nation are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, “Faith Based Initiatives Days” provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of the Palmetto State to recognize the positive impact of faith based initiatives on the well-being and quality of life of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 28 - 29, 2003, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of faith based initiatives to the delivery of vital social services for our citizens.