WHEREAS, geography is an all-encompassing discipline that seeks to comprehend the world - its human and physical features - through an understanding of place and location; and

WHEREAS, the study of geography helps students recognize the connection between the environment and people by tying together diverse sciences like geology, biology, and climatology with economics, history, and politics; and

WHEREAS, the study of geography teaches students about the importance of preservation, restoration, and sustainability to ensuring that our natural resources are conserved now and for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Geography Action! is a yearly conservation and awareness program designed to educate people about our natural, cultural, and historic treasures that starts each spring and culminates with Geography Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, “Kids Take Action! Be a Habitat Hero!” is a large part of the 2003 Geography Action! campaign, encouraging young people throughout South Carolina and the nation to become Habitat Heroes by pledging to preserve vital habitats through recycling, planting trees, picking up trash, or other activities and

WHEREAS, with the theme “Geography Action! Habitats: Home Sweet Home”, the 2003 observance of Geography Awareness Week reminds us of the importance of protecting our planet’s biological and cultural diversity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 16 – 22, 2003, as

GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote stewardship of our environment through the study of geography.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA