

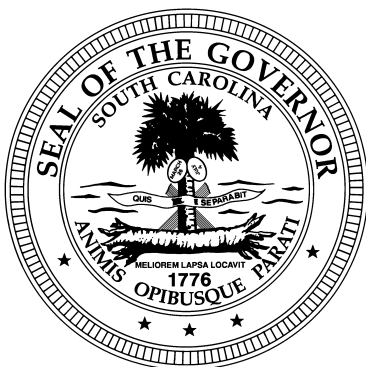
# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

- 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.



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

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