WHEREAS, Grace White attended and graduated from Beaufort High School in 1928 while her father was stationed at Parris Island; and

WHEREAS, after earning a law degree from George Washington University, Ms. White returned to Beaufort in 1936 to live and work as Beaufort County’s first female attorney; and

WHEREAS, Ms. White has upheld the highest standards of civic duty throughout her life, serving actively in Civilian Defense and Army Aircraft tower watches during World War II; and

WHEREAS, today, Grace White holds the distinction of being the Palmetto State’s oldest living female attorney and her legacy as a role model will continue to inspire women throughout South Carolina and the nation for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2003, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor Ms. White for her many accomplishments as a distinguished attorney, as an inspirational role model, and as a contributing citizen of the Palmetto State.