

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** communities across our state and nation have increasing numbers of residents from other countries for whom English is their second language; and

**WHEREAS,** offering great opportunities, our growing social, cultural and economic ties to the global community present new challenges in our efforts to communicate with and understand our international partners; and

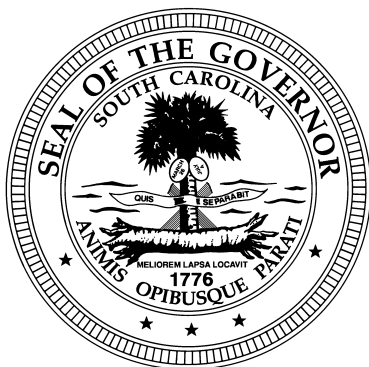
**WHEREAS,** the study of other languages contributes to increased cognitive skills, academic performance and understanding of others while enhancing career possibilities and developing a workforce equipped with the necessary skills to compete in the international marketplace; and

**WHEREAS,** foreign language educators are committed to promoting the benefits of long-term language study to effective communication with people from other cultures, enhancing our country's security around the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim 2005 as

### THE YEAR OF LANGUAGES

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn about and participate in language programs and services offered across our state.



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

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