

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, with wisdom, goodness, and faith, St. John AME Church was established in 1867 to help meet the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and environmental needs of its members; and

WHEREAS, over the past 140 years, St. John AME Church has seen its congregation experience tremendous growth in spirituality and numbers, expanding ministries, rebuilding the sanctuary and adding an educational building to meet the needs of their members; and

WHEREAS, continuing the journey of faith, fellowship, and family which began more than a century ago, St. John AME Church reaches out to serve the surrounding community through community-based ministries and outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, St. John AME Church and its congregation are commemorating 140 years of spiritual worship, education, fellowship, and faith.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 5, 2007, as

ST. JOHN AME CHURCH 140TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the many contributions and rich history of the church and its congregation.



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MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA