WHEREAS, beginning with an initial public offering in 1970, SYSCO Corporation has become the leading foodservice marketing and distribution organization in America; and

WHEREAS, in February 2002, Sysco Food Services of Columbia, LLC opened its 266,000 square foot facility on 102 acres in Richland County, 20 of which have been donated for wetlands preservation; and

WHEREAS, the original 250 employees have grown to over 400 with an annual payroll of over $17 million; and

WHEREAS, the continued growth and economic development of Sysco Food Services benefits the entire Palmetto State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 23, 2004, as

SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF COLUMBIA DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the company and its employees for their dedication to providing exceptional service to their customers.