WHEREAS, since our country’s earliest days, farmers have tilled the soil of this great land, feeding their families, other citizens, and people around the world; and

WHEREAS, farmers throughout South Carolina and the nation contribute to our well-being and quality of life by providing an abundant supply of safe, high-quality food and fiber; and

WHEREAS, working together, farm workers, processors, shippers, truck drivers, inspectors, agribusiness, marketers, retailers, and consumers help ensure the productivity of our food and fiber system; and

WHEREAS, in South Carolina, agriculture is our second largest industry, providing approximately 458,000 full and part time jobs and managing five million acres of farmland for an annual economic impact of $14.8 billion; and

WHEREAS, vital farm-city partnerships contribute to the continued success of agriculture in the Palmetto State, bringing rural and urban communities together to produce rich agricultural resources for our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 21 - 27, 2003, as

FARM-CITY WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of all those who, working together, produce an abundance of products that strengthen and enrich our communities and our nation.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA