WHEREAS, senior meal programs have proven to be a lifeline for thousands of South Carolina seniors; and

WHEREAS, senior meal programs help ensure that the elderly, homebound, and disabled receive a hot, nutritious noonday meal, with home-delivered meals making independent living possible for seniors and senior meal sites providing a hot meal and a chance to socialize; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 observance of “March for Meals Month” provides an opportunity to support the critical services these programs provide to our communities through fundraising, volunteer, and awareness-raising activities.

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

MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure that our seniors are provided the nutritional means to continue living rich and rewarding lives.