

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, PBT Telecom was founded in 1903 when James Luther Smith, a resident of the Pond Branch Community near Gilbert, South Carolina, installed a telephone in his house, his father's house, and his sister's house; and

WHEREAS, others in the community were interested in this new service and asked him to install telephones in their homes, marking the humble beginning of PBT Telecom; and

WHEREAS, over the past 100 years, PBT Telecom has contributed significantly to the economic development of the Gilbert area, expanding its local services to include local, long distance, internet, and cable services; and

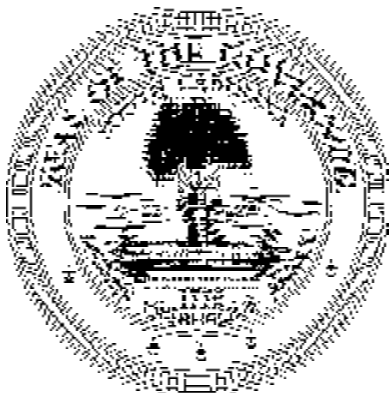
WHEREAS, PBT Telecom supports the local community by providing area students with valuable scholarships to help them obtain a college education; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2003, PBT Telecomm will celebrate its 100th anniversary with the dedication of a monument to the founders of the company.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2003, as

PBT TELECOM 100TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join me in recognizing PBT Telecom for providing quality communications services for our residents for the past 100 years.



A stylized, high-contrast signature of Mark Sanford.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA