

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** pharmacy is one of the oldest of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and

**WHEREAS,** today, there are over 195,000 pharmacists practicing in the United States providing services to assure the rational and safe use of all medications; and

**WHEREAS,** the use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and

**WHEREAS,** today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups, both clinically and demographically; and

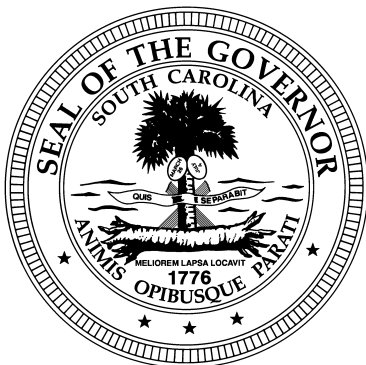
**WHEREAS,** it is important that all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and

**WHEREAS,** this year's theme "Know Your Medicines - Know Your Pharmacist," helps raise awareness of the important role pharmacists play in the safe use of medication.

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

### PHARMACISTS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to acknowledge the valuable services of pharmacists to provide safe, affordable, and beneficial pharmaceutical care services and products to the residents of the



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**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**