

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, thousands of brave Americans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in our country's armed forces in active duty posts around the world; and

WHEREAS, more than forty percent of these servicemembers have left families and children behind; and

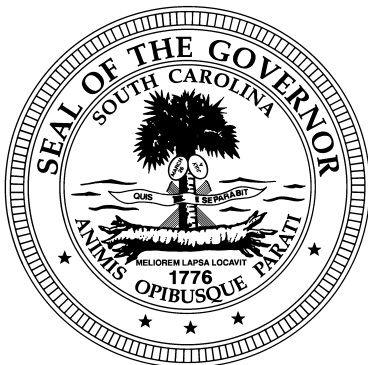
WHEREAS, over one million children have at least one parent currently serving active military duty; and

WHEREAS, the Month of the Military Child provides an opportunity to pay tribute to military children for their commitment, struggles, and unconditional support of our troops.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2005 as

THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the contributions and celebrate the spirit of military children across the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA