WHEREAS, built in 1949 by Darlington native Harold Brasington, the Darlington Raceway is NASCAR’s original superspeedway and has come to be known as the track that is “Too Tough To Tame”; and

WHEREAS, the Darlington Raceway will host the Carolina Dodge Dealers 400 race on Sunday, March 16, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Carolina Dodge Dealers 400 brings together racing fans from throughout South Carolina and across the nation for one of the Palmetto State’s most prestigious sporting events; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is pleased to welcome NASCAR drivers and race enthusiasts to the Governor’s Mansion on March 12, 2003, to kick off this weekend’s race festivities; and

WHEREAS, the Carolina Dodge Dealers 400 creates a spirit of excitement throughout our state and is one of our most anticipated events of the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 16, 2003, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the tremendous economic and cultural impact stock car racing has on our state, while enjoying a great weekend of racing in Darlington.