WHEREAS, millions of Vietnamese immigrants have journeyed to America in search of freedom and democracy, contributing to the rich cultural heritage of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, working in a variety of influential positions, from educators, scientists, business executives, and legislators to authors, musicians, athletes and entertainers, Vietnamese-Americans contribute significantly to our culture; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese-Americans across our state and nation embrace the ideals upon which our country was founded and enrich our communities through their commitment to family, work and the preservation of their shared heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2006, as

VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many achievements of Vietnamese-Americans in the Palmetto State.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA