WHEREAS, the south’s textile industry was an essential basis for much of our region’s current prosperity; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of men, women and children worked in textile mills doing tasks which ranged from opening cotton bales and carding the fiber to spinning the yarn, weaving the cloth and shipping the products to their final destinations; and

WHEREAS, most textile workers lived in mill village communities where strong families, good neighbors and abiding faith were important parts of daily life; and

WHEREAS, the textile industry was an important part of South Carolina’s history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 1–7, 2007, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the valuable contributions and rich heritage of the textile industry in the Palmetto State.

MARK SANFORD
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