Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Columbia College, originally called Columbia Female College, was established in 1854 by the South Carolina Methodist Conference and is the 11th oldest women's college in the country; and

WHEREAS, the student body and faculty have increased nearly tenfold with approximately 23 states and 20 countries represented on campus today; and

WHEREAS, consistently ranked as a top ten college in the South, Columbia College provides its students with educational opportunities that promote character, respect, leadership, and service; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia College Sesquicentennial kick-off provides a unique opportunity to call attention to the remarkable history of this significant institution while looking forward to its continued growth and development.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2004, as

COLUMBIA COLLEGE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive contributions made by the faculty, staff, students, and alumnae of this renowned school to people and communities across our state and

MARK SANFORD
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