

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Columbia College, originally called Columbia Female College, was established in 1854 by the South Carolina Methodist Conference and is the 11<sup>th</sup> 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



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

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**