WHEREAS, on August 15, 1945, Korea was liberated from Japanese occupation; and

WHEREAS, with freedom came opportunity, and many Koreans migrated to America to pursue education and business interests; and

WHEREAS, Koreans across our state and nation have made significant contributions in many areas, including arts and entertainment, business and economics, science and technology, medicine, sports, and politics and government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 15, 2007, as

KOREAN HERITAGE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the significant impact Koreans have on our rich cultural diversity and to extend congratulations and best wishes during this year's celebration of independence.