WHEREAS, peanuts have been grown commercially in the Palmetto State since around 1800; and

WHEREAS, there are over 300 uses of the peanut, including soap, shampoo, cheese, mayonnaise, ice cream, medicine, ink, bleach, axle grease, and as a snack food; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the boiled peanut was named South Carolina’s official state snack food.

WHEREAS, the first South Carolina Peanut Party was held in the Town of Pelion on August 28, 1982, and the festival continues to delight participants each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 9-11, 2007, as PEANUT PARTY DAYS throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact peanuts have on the Palmetto State.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA