WHEREAS, early morning on December 7, 1941, aircraft of the Empire of Japan, without provocation or warning, attacked the United States forces at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,400 Americans died that day and another 1,100 were wounded in this attack that marked the entry of the United States into World War II; and

WHEREAS, official commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor instills in our citizens a greater understanding and appreciation of the selfless sacrifice of the individuals who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II; and

WHEREAS, as we remember the lost on what President Franklin Delano Roosevelt called “a date which will live in infamy,” we must reaffirm our commitment to remain ever vigilant, determined, and ready to advance the cause of freedom whenever and wherever it is threatened.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2003, as

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor the many brave Americans who fought valiantly during World War II for their dedicated service and courage in protecting and defending the people and principles of our great nation.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA