Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, as a survivor of some of the darkest days known to mankind, who experienced first-hand unimaginably horrific crimes against innocent people, Elie Wiesel has committed his life to ending the injustice that continues to pervade the lives of oppressed individuals, communities, and ethnic groups today; and

WHEREAS, touching others with his personal account of the holocaust, of human cruelty and torture, and moving them to join in his fight to end the injustices thrust upon societies around the globe, Elie Wiesel gives a face to humanity in an inhumane world; and

WHEREAS, through his words, both written and spoken, he is reaching out to teach all of us that only through silence and inaction can evil prevail; and

WHEREAS, today, we are honored and privileged to have the opportunity to welcome Elie Wiesel to the Palmetto State and learn, through his insight, how we can help make the world a better place for all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2006, as

ELIE WIESEL DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to bring an end to the intolerance, hatred, genocide, racism, and other atrocities against mankind that continue to plague the world today.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA