WHEREAS, seniors represent the fastest growing segment of South Carolina’s population, with the number of people age 60 and over expected to double in the next 25 years to more than 1.3 million; and

WHEREAS, our state’s senior citizens are a vital resource, offering employers the experience and wisdom of a lifetime of working and developing valuable skills; and

WHEREAS, Employ the Older Worker Week is designed to raise awareness of older workers as productive and cost effective contributors to the economy of our state and nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 22 – 26, 2003, as

EMPLOY THE OLDER WORKER WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions made by older South Carolinians to our quality of life.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA