WHEREAS, through the Miss South Carolina Pageant, young women throughout the Palmetto State are afforded a unique opportunity to showcase their talents, while competing for valuable scholarships to help them continue their education; and

WHEREAS, the best and brightest young women from across South Carolina will come together to vie for the title of Miss South Carolina during the 2003 pageant; and

WHEREAS, these contestants have set an example for us all through their hard work and determination; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is honored that the outstanding young woman chosen as Miss South Carolina will represent our state in the 2003 Miss America Pageant.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 28 – July 12, 2003, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the participants in the 2003 Miss South Carolina Pageant for their hard work and commitment to excellence.