

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** in 1954, the last epidemic outbreak of polio (or poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis) hit South Carolina, leaving an estimated ten to twelve thousand polio survivors; and

**WHEREAS,** while many people think that polio is no longer a threat, the disease still exists in places around the world, including the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** many polio survivors fall victim to post polio syndrome 30 to 40 years after the original onset of the disease, with symptoms including fatigue, muscle weakness, joint and muscle pain, cold intolerance, and breathing and swallowing difficulty; and

**WHEREAS,** Polio Awareness Month calls attention to the continued risk of polio exposure, while promoting research into the cause and cure of post polio syndrome.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2007 as the

### POLIO AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to learn more about polio and post polio syndrome.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**