

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, rural free delivery began as an experiment in 1896, serving the area of Charles Town, West Virginia, and expanded to 44 routes in 29 states within a year; and

WHEREAS, in 1902, rural free mail delivery became a permanent service with carriers providing their own transportation for these mobile post offices; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 rural letter carriers collectively drive approximately 3 million miles each day to deliver mail to over 30 million rural homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Charleston, South Carolina is the host city of the 102nd National Convention of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 8 - 11, 2006, as

RURAL LETTER CARRIERS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor our rural letter carriers for their commitment to providing timely mail delivery to our nation's rural residents.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA