

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** deaf-blindness is a severe multi-sensory disability affecting mobility, communication, and access to information; and

**WHEREAS,** Helen Keller was one of the most accomplished, respected, and renowned Americans who was deaf-blind; and

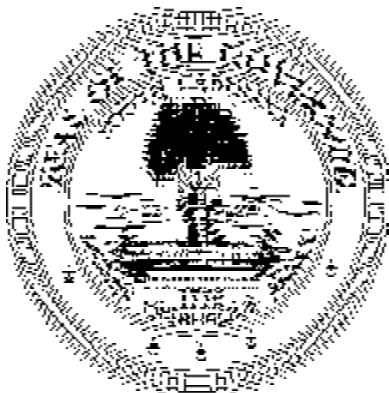
**WHEREAS,** people who are deaf-blind live, work, play, and worship in our communities and are productive citizens, neighbors, and family members deserving of respect and opportunities for personal growth; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2003 observance of Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week calls attention to the abilities and potential of our residents who are deaf-blind or severely vision and hearing impaired, while recognizing Helen Keller as a guiding example of courage, hope, determination, and achievement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 22 - 28, 2003, as

### HELEN KELLER DEAF-BLIND AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions made by people who are deaf-blind in communities throughout the Palmetto State.



A stylized, high-contrast signature of Mark Sanford.

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