Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rotary International, the world’s first service club, has grown from a small club into a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders with a common vision for a better world; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Foundation, an endowment fund established in 1917 for international good works, supports various educational programs, including the Group Study Exchange—a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for men and women in the early years of their professional lives; and

WHEREAS, District 7770, South Carolina, encompassing over one-half of the state, and District 9640, Australia, which straddles the New South Wales and Queensland borders, form an exchange partnership of particular importance due to the Sister-State relationship between the Palmetto State and Queensland; and

WHEREAS, currently visiting our state, the members of the Group Study Exchange Team from District 9640 are Doug Barnier, Peta Eyschen, Yvette Giannake, and Jason Hughes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2004, as

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the members of the District 9640 Australia team for their efforts to promote international goodwill.