WHEREAS, Rotary International is a worldwide service organization of business and professional leaders; and

WHEREAS, since the initial meeting of 4 Chicago businessmen on February 23, 1905, Rotary has grown to more than 1 million members in 166 countries; and

WHEREAS, guided by the principles of truth, justice, friendliness and helpfulness, Rotarians work together to serve communities in need and promote international understanding; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International remains a vibrant force today, adapting its efforts to address the ever-changing pressing problems of people in all parts of the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 20 – 26, 2005, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in celebrating the positive impact of Rotary International on the quality of life of people around the globe.