WHEREAS, as an entertainer, Union leader, corporate spokesman, Governor of California, and President of the United States of America, Ronald Reagan’s legacy as a statesman sets an example for others to follow; and

WHEREAS, serving with honor for two terms as our 40th President, Ronald Reagan has worked diligently throughout his life to serve freedom and advance the public good; and

WHEREAS, during his presidency, Reagan worked in a bipartisan manner to promote accountable government, while strengthening economic opportunities for Americans throughout the nation, lowering crime and drug use in our neighborhoods, and using his vision of “peace through strength” to contribute to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate demise of the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2004, people throughout South Carolina and the nation will join together in recognizing Ronald Reagan for his many contributions to the American way of life on the occasion of his 93rd birthday.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2004, as

RONALD REAGAN DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor Ronald Reagan on this special day.