

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** drug and alcohol abuse in the United States prevents millions of people from reaching their full potential at school, on the job, and in their communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the rate of drug and alcohol abuse by our young people remains alarmingly high, with approximately 54% of students in grades 6 through 12 having tried illegal drugs and 80% having used alcohol by the time they finish high school; and

**WHEREAS,** research indicates that young people who avoid the early use of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana are less likely to engage in other harmful behaviors such as crime, delinquency, and other illegal drug use; and

**WHEREAS,** founded in 1988 in honor of undercover Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena who was kidnapped, tortured, and murdered by members of a drug gang in Mexico on February 7, 1985, National Red Ribbon Week is designed to raise awareness of the dangers of the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 23 – 31, 2004, as

### RED RIBBON WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to teach our young people that drug and alcohol abuse is dangerous and harmful to both their health and their future.



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

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