WHEREAS, hurricanes pose a serious threat to the lives and property of the residents of South Carolina, especially during the months of June through November; and

WHEREAS, these storms can cause massive destruction, human injury, and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, storm surges, tornadoes, severe winds, and flooding attributed to hurricanes can affect coastal and inland residents of the state; and

WHEREAS, the population of coastal counties has grown dramatically since a hurricane directly hit the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the state may not fully comprehend the serious threat of hurricanes, having never experienced one; and

WHEREAS, being aware of the dangers associated with these storms and taking steps to mitigate their impact can minimize the risk of property damage, injury, and loss of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 29 – June 4, 2005, as HURRICANE AWARENESS WEEK throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and the National Weather Service in their efforts to encourage and foster hurricane preparedness.