WHEREAS, leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma are malignant diseases of the blood, bone marrow, and lymphatic system; and

WHEREAS, currently, approximately 700,000 Americans are afflicted with these blood cancers, and an estimated 110,000 new cases are diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, even though survival rates are improving, more than 60,000 people are expected to lose their lives this year as a result of these blood cancers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2005 as

LEUKEMIA, LYMPHOMA & MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of continued research into the causes, treatment and cure for these diseases.

MARK SANFORD
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