WHEREAS, each year, hundreds of Marines from the Palmetto State are discharged from duty, coming home to a different life as civilian residents of communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Marine for Life program in South Carolina is designed to help Marines return to the community, readjust to civilian life, and find employment in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Corps League of South Carolina has developed a database of businesses, corporations, chambers of commerce and better business bureaus around the state, as well as contact information for various federal agencies, to help match honorably discharged Marines with an available job; and

WHEREAS, in addition to helping with employment, the Marine for Life program provides information on housing, schools, and veterans support groups, strengthening our communities while providing an invaluable service to the men and women who help defend our liberty.

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

MARINE FOR LIFE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor the newly discharged members of our military for their commitment to preserving the values of freedom and democracy and to work together to help ease their transition to civilian life.