

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, since its creation on November 10, 1775, the United States Marine Corps has protected our citizens and guarded our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, through their superb skills in carrying out integrated land, sea, and air operations, the officers and enlisted men and women of the United States Marine Corps have earned the respect and gratitude of all Americans; and

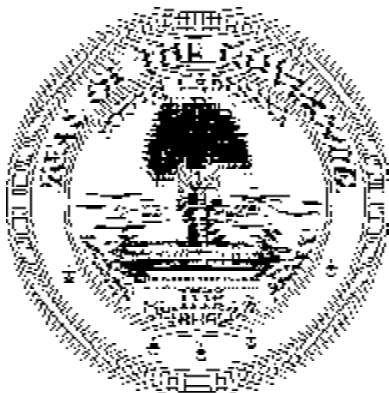
WHEREAS, as our country has established a position of world leadership, the Marines have proven themselves dedicated professionals willing to defend lives and protect the rights we value as Americans; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 observance of Marine Corps Birthday Celebration Day calls attention to the courageous deeds of Marines throughout South Carolina and the nation, while honoring the legacy of valor and distinction exhibited by the members of the United States Marine Corps throughout its history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2003, as

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the brave men and women serving in the United States Marine Corps for their commitment to preserving the American values of freedom and democracy.



A stylized, high-contrast signature of Mark Sanford.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA