WHEREAS, with chapters across the nation, Mended Hearts is a support group for heart patients and their families, offering hope, educating patients about cardiovascular health, and empowering them as they manage a heart-healthy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, Mended Hearts provides informative programs on everything from nutrition and exercise to heart surgery, heart procedures, and insurance; and

WHEREAS, Mended Hearts encourages heart patients and their families through pre-operative and post-operative hospital visits; and

WHEREAS, Mended Hearts Chapter 71 is dedicated to giving heart patients and their families added strength and hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 14, 2004, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the members of Mended Hearts Chapter 71 for their commitment to offering support and encouragement to heart disease patients and their families.