WHEREAS, the study of music is a valuable component of social and cultural education; and

WHEREAS, music education promotes a high level of self-expression and self-confidence; and

WHEREAS, music production and performance are positive outlets for creative expression, reinforcing teamwork, communication, self-discipline and focus; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 observance of Music in Our Schools Month recognizes the positive impact of music education on the future success of our young people.

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

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure that the young people of the Palmetto State have access to a balanced, high-quality education that includes music as a subject of study.

Mark Sanford Governor State of South Carolina