WHEREAS, gynecologic cancers are those which develop in the female reproductive tract; and

WHEREAS, more than 80,000 women across the nation are diagnosed with gynecologic cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, women’s reproductive cancers vary widely, ranging from preventable to easily detected in the early and easier to treat stages to difficult to diagnose; and

WHEREAS, women must be well-informed about early signs and symptoms in order to benefit from advances made in the treatment of these cancers.

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

GYNECOLOGIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of women’s reproductive cancers.