WHEREAS, gynecologic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 77,000 women across the nation are diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, informing women about the risk factors and symptoms of these cancers is critically important for their early detection, proper diagnosis, and effective treatment; and

WHEREAS, continued research is needed to understand the causes, discover possible prevention strategies, develop effective screening methods, and find improved treatment options and an eventual cure for gynecologic cancers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2007 as

GYNECOLOGIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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