WHEREAS, even though safe and affordable housing for all of our citizens is at the core of ensuring a high quality of life in our communities, millions of American households are facing problems such as excessive cost burden, overcrowding, and/or physical inadequacy; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action, promoting a culture of community service alongside an ethic of individual responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Habitat affiliates throughout the Palmetto State help strengthen our communities and protect our well-being, providing countless residents with the means to achieve the American dream of owning a home; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, “Building on Faith,” the 2004 blitz build celebrates the 1500th house sponsored by affiliates and constructed by volunteers across our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 9 – 16, 2004, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize Habitat for Humanity and the volunteers who support it for their commitment to ensuring safe and affordable housing for all our residents.