WHEREAS, the Children’s Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, located on the campus of Palmetto Health Richland, was established in 1979 to treat patients from birth through the age of 21 and is the oldest and largest facility of its kind in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, originally a one-room clinic staffed by a physician and a nurse, the Center has grown to include inpatient and outpatient units, specialty clinics, outstanding laboratories, and a dedicated staff of more than 30 professionals; and

WHEREAS, in addition to expert medical care covering all phases of pediatric oncology and hematology, the multidisciplinary team at the Children’s Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders provides a variety of services to address the physical, emotional, and social needs of the family as well as the patient; and

WHEREAS, the Center’s commitment to research into the causes and cures for childhood cancer ensures that patients receive the best care available; and

WHEREAS, the 25th birthday of the Children’s Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders is an ideal time to celebrate the facility, its many innovative programs, including CAMP KEMO, and the caring people who work to make a difference in the lives of others.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2004, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize this facility for its positive impact on the quality of life of young cancer patients and their