

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, scleroderma is a chronic, progressive autoimmune disease that leads to hardening and thickening of the skin and connective tissues; and

WHEREAS, caused by the over production and retention of collagen in tissues, scleroderma can affect tiny blood vessels, causing serious damage to the lungs, kidneys, heart, and other internal organs; and

WHEREAS, the severity of scleroderma can vary from nuisance to life-threatening, seriously impacting the daily lives of the people it affects; and

WHEREAS, while medication can sometimes help manage the symptoms, there is no cure for this disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2005 as

SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the need for continued research into the cause, effective treatment, and possible cure for this disease.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA