

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout the course of American history, courageous men and women have taken up arms to secure, defend, and maintain the core principles upon which our nation's freedoms depend; and

WHEREAS, today, there are more than 25 million living veterans who have served our country in times of peace and war, many of whom willingly entered harm's way to fight for our way of life; and

WHEREAS, through their service, these dedicated members of our Armed Forces have kept America strong, proving their heroism and love of country time and again; and

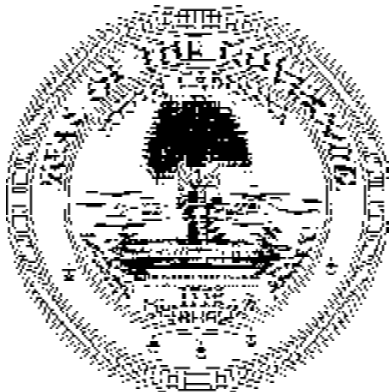
WHEREAS, by answering the call of duty and risking their lives to protect their fellow countrymen, these patriots have inspired our nation with their courage, compassion, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, each year on Veterans Day, we recognize the men and women of our Armed Forces who have helped keep our nation secure by valiantly defending the American principles of liberty, opportunity, and justice for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2003, as

VETERANS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to pause to reflect on the sacrifices of all of those who have put on the uniform to serve in the United States military.



A stylized, high-contrast signature of Mark Sanford.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA