WHEREAS, professional truck drivers are the unsung heroes of our highways and our economy, safely delivering important goods to homes, schools, hospitals, and businesses across America; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated men and women travel more than 200 billion miles and deliver approximately 8 billion tons of freight each year; and

WHEREAS, professional truck drivers are among the safest drivers on our highways and many have received awards for extraordinary acts of heroism and bravery in saving fellow motorists from injury and death; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 observance of Truck Driver Appreciation Week calls attention to the many contributions made by professional truck drivers to our economy and our quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 24 – 31, 2003, as

TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize professional truck drivers for their commitment to delivering essential goods safely and on time.