WHEREAS, practicing and promoting the responsible use of our nation’s ecosystems and resources is an important part of being a good steward of the environment; and

WHEREAS, with approximately 5,000 members, the South Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club is dedicated to protecting and preserving our state’s vital resources and natural beauty for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 observance of Sierra Club Awareness Week calls attention to the importance of conservation and sustainability in securing a bright future for residents throughout South Carolina and the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 22 – 29, 2004, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the positive benefits - both economic and environmental - of responsible, sustainable growth that encourages the preservation of our natural ecosystems.