

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church began as a brush harbor church in 1884 in Grove Township, which later became Piedmont; and

**WHEREAS,** over the years, St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church has seen its congregation experience tremendous growth in spirituality and numbers, expanding ministries, acquiring more land, and renovating to meet the needs of their members; and

**WHEREAS,** continuing the journey of faith, fellowship, and family which began more than a century ago, St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church reaches out to serve the surrounding community through community-based ministries and outreach programs; and

**WHEREAS,** St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church and its congregation are commemorating 113 years of worship, fellowship and faith.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 22, 2007, as

### ST. MATTHEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 113<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the many contributions and rich history of the church and its congregation.



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

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**