

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among American men; and

**WHEREAS,** this year, approximately 230,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, and close to 30,000 will die from this disease; and

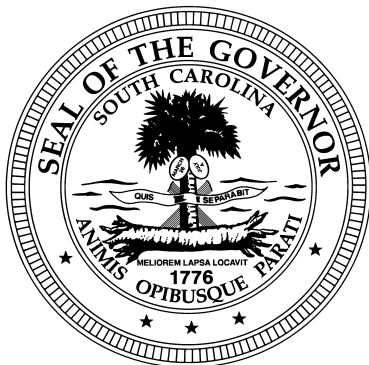
**WHEREAS,** National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month recognizes the often devastating effects prostate cancer has on the lives of the men suffering from it and their families while reaffirming our common commitment to finding a cure for this disease; and

**WHEREAS,** by increasing awareness of the causes, signs, and risk factors of prostate cancer, encouraging men over the age of 50 to participate in prostate cancer screenings, and expanding research into preventative, remedial, and curative therapies, we can save more lives, improve the lives of those suffering from this cancer, and reduce its incidence throughout the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2004 as

### PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor the memories of those who fought bravely but lost the battle against prostate cancer while working together to encourage continued research into the causes and possible cure of this disease.



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

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