WHEREAS, the manufactured housing industry in South Carolina offers inexpensive, energy efficient alternatives to traditional housing options, allowing more citizens to achieve the American dream of owning a home; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1/5 of the homes in South Carolina are manufactured homes, representing an industry employing more than 12,000 South Carolinians and impacting our state economy with an estimated $225 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of “Manufactured Housing Month” recognizes the manufactured housing industry for its positive role in providing quality, affordable housing for our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2003 as MANUFACTURED HOUSING MONTH throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the manufactured housing industry, its homeowners, and the small businesses that provide South Carolina residents with safe, quality-built, affordable homes.