WHEREAS, a strong mathematics foundation is essential to advanced study and discovery in higher mathematics and the sciences; and

WHEREAS, mathematical reasoning, analysis, and problem solving equip our young people with the skills they need to compete in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the application of mathematics is indispensable in such diverse fields as medicine, computer science, space exploration, the skilled trades, business, defense, and government; and

WHEREAS, mathematics represents an integral dimension of our ability to develop new technology, solve ancient problems, and ensure our continued prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Math Literacy Week aims to increase the visibility of mathematics as a field of study.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 6-10, 2003, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of math and science education on the future success of our young people.