

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** although historically South Carolina is one of the unhealthiest states in the country, making healthy lifestyle choices can reduce the incidence of many chronic diseases impacting individuals and families across the Palmetto State; and

**WHEREAS,** health education is any combination of learning experiences designed to promote informed choices that contribute positively to the health of individuals, groups, organizations, and communities; and

**WHEREAS,** health education specialists utilize multiple intervention strategies to initiate educational, policy, and environmental changes that are necessary to support healthy behaviors; and

**WHEREAS,** health education specialists are employed in a variety of roles in public and private settings and are focused on prevention and improving the quality of life for all people.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 17 – 23, 2005, as

### HEALTH EDUCATION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the important contributions health education specialists make in promoting health and preventing disease, disability, and premature death in our communities.



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

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