

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Hispanic Americans have blessed our state and nation with their significant contributions to our rich cultural diversity; and

**WHEREAS,** from food to music and art, Latinos have had a positive influence on the lifestyle of all Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout our country's history, Hispanic Americans have served as leaders in many fields, including business, industry, politics, athletics, and entertainment; and

**WHEREAS,** Hispanic Americans represent one of the fastest growing ethnic groups in the Palmetto State, enriching our communities through their commitment to faith, work, and family.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2005, as

### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the contributions made by Hispanic Americans to our rich cultural heritage.



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

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