WHEREAS, millions of American families must cope with hunger or the threat of hunger each day; and

WHEREAS, hunger and malnutrition remain chronic problems among low-income families, with thousands of South Carolinians concerned about sufficient food for their families; and

WHEREAS, for the past 23 years, Harvest Hope Food Bank, along with its 350 member agencies, has assisted people across the Midlands in need of food with many innovative programs, including Kids Café, Mobile Pantries, and the Emergency Food Pantry; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, Clear Channel Communications, First Baptist Church of Columbia, South Carolina Electric & Gas, and WACH FOX 57, “Share Your Holiday” is a day-long drop-off food drive; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 2004 food drive, community members will be able to drop off monetary and non-perishable food donations at various locations throughout the Midlands and receive Chick-fil-A coupons and other gifts in return.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2004, as

SHARE YOUR HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join in this effort to help provide for the needs of our hungry residents.