WHEREAS, formed in 1907, the South Carolina Nurses Association (SCNA), originally named the South Carolina Graduate Nurses Association, was the first professional organization for nurses in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, SCNA’s original purpose was to promote high standards for nurses, to encourage their advancement and welfare, and to improve health care generally; and

WHEREAS, the organization continues to promote the professional and educational advancement of nurses as well as the health of the workplace for all nurses; and

WHEREAS, SCNA has worked with public and private organizations to respond to the needs of each generation in the areas of public and community health, maternal and child health, medical and surgical nursing, psychiatric and mental health nursing, nursing education, gerontology, school nursing, and advanced practice nursing; and

WHEREAS, SCNA continues to be an important force in the world of nursing and health care in the Palmetto State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 13, 2007, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the South Carolina Nurses Association on its 100th Anniversary and show appreciation for its valuable contributions to the Palmetto State.