Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Greater Greenville Scottish Games & Highland Festival will attract thousands of visitors to our state to celebrate the unique culture and traditions of the Scottish people while calling attention to the warm hospitality and natural beauty of the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, the competitions, ranging from drumming to highland dancing and, this year, the Southeastern Championships for piping and heavy athletics and the First Annual Border Collie Invitational Trials, will enable spectators to experience first-hand some of the colorful and exciting traditions of the Scottish Highlanders; and

WHEREAS, a special children’s village with age-appropriate demonstrations and activities will allow young people to tour Wee Scotland and learn about the country’s culture, landmarks, and legends; and

WHEREAS, with additional features, including musical performances, storytelling, historical re-enactments, craft demonstrations, cultural and educational displays, dance demonstrations and lessons, and Celtic food and clothing vendors, the festival promises fun for all ages.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 6 – 7, 2008, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in welcoming our visitors to this exciting event and in thanking the volunteers who made it possible while celebrating the rich cultural heritage of our Scottish forefathers.