WHEREAS, older residents of our state and nation have made life-long contributions to our communities, setting an example for all of us on the importance of service, sacrifice, and determination; and

WHEREAS, our seniors represent some of the best qualities of mankind and are treasured residents in neighborhoods and communities across the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, within our diverse cultural heritage lies a strong tradition of showing respect for our elders as well as some unique barbeque tastes and customs; and

WHEREAS, a meal of barbeque and all the trimmings can be a festive way to visit with our older residents and show appreciation for all they do to enrich our lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2006 as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to take the time to visit with our older residents and honor them with a meal of their favorite barbeque.