WHEREAS, school social workers are dedicated to making school a successful experience for students by working with administrators, teachers, counselors, psychologists, nurses, speech and language pathologists, and other staff to identify and address problem areas; and

WHEREAS, by helping parents understand and meet their children’s social and emotional needs, school social workers serve as an important link between school, home, and community; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 observance of “School Social Work Week” provides an opportunity for citizens throughout the Palmetto State to honor school social workers for their role in ensuring that our young people get the most out of their educational opportunities by overcoming barriers to learning.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2 - 8, 2003, as

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor school social workers for their dedication to the well-being of our children.