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

WHEREAS, serving as a vital link between the school, home, and community, school social workers help parents understand and meet their children’s social and emotional needs; and

WHEREAS, School Social Work Week honors school social workers in South Carolina for their commitment to 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 4 - 10, 2007, as SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to show appreciation to school social workers for their dedication to the well-being of our children.