WHEREAS, having the proper “School Tools” can make a difference in student attendance, attitude, and performance; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by WSOC-TV, the North and South Carolina National Guards, the Family Focus Partner Businesses, Communities In Schools, Classroom Central, Greif Brothers, the Charlotte Knights, the Kannapolis Intimidators, the Hickory Crawdads, and the US Postal Service, the ninth annual “School Tools” drive collects and distributes school supplies for thousands of students in the Carolinas; and

WHEREAS, as part of the campaign, viewers and businesses are asked to contribute new notebooks, paper, pens, book bags, and personal supplies at collection barrels at Family Focus Partner Business locations, including Food Lion, Stanly Memorial Hospital, Young Ford, and Haverts Furniture.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2005, as

SCHOOL TOOLS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join in this effort to help ensure that all of our students come to school prepared for class and eager to learn.