WHEREAS, environmental systems operators throughout the Palmetto State are dedicated to protecting our water, soil, and air resources for future generations by promoting research and education, disseminating technical information, increasing public awareness, and advocating for environmentally-friendly public policy; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals contribute to the continued growth and development of our state by using their integrated knowledge of engineering and the physical sciences to solve contemporary environmental problems; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Systems Operators Week calls attention to the many contributions made by environmental systems operators to our quality of life while raising awareness of the importance of protecting and conserving our natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 17 – October 23, 2005, as ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS OPERATORS WEEK throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize environmental systems operators for their commitment to preserving and enhancing our natural environment.