WHEREAS, throughout history, millions of German immigrants have journeyed to America in search of freedom and opportunity, contributing to the rich cultural heritage of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, German-Americans have played a vital role in the strength and stability of our country, serving as leaders in agriculture, business, government, law, and science with a pioneering spirit of determination, innovation, and hard work; and

WHEREAS, from food and entertainment to athletics and the arts, the German-American community has been a significant influence on the lifestyle of our residents; and

WHEREAS, German-American Day celebrates the legacy of achievement and diverse contributions of these industrious people.

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

GERMAN - AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

and October 6, 2006, as

GERMAN - AMERICAN DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions made by German immigrants to the life and culture of the Palmetto State.

MARK SANFORD
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