WHEREAS, celebrating its twentieth anniversary, Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup takes place from March through May each year; and

WHEREAS, teams of volunteers will be cleaning areas of their choice, including parks, parking lots, shopping districts, neighborhoods, beaches, riverbanks, schoolyards and campuses, across the Palmetto State during our state’s great cleanup; and

WHEREAS, during last year’s cleanup, more than 20,000 South Carolinians properly disposed of over 22 million pounds of litter, recycling 27,858 tires and cleaning 312.5 acres of parks and nearly 11,000 miles of roadways; and

WHEREAS, working together to clean and beautify our state helps build pride in communities, create cleaner environments, foster economic development, and change the behavior that causes litter.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2005, as

GREAT SOUTH CAROLINA CLEANUP DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions of a clean and beautiful state to an improved quality of life.