WHEREAS, each year, more than 200,000 children across America visit an emergency room as a result of injuries sustained on playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, proper supervision, age appropriate equipment, materials to soften falls to the surface, and equipment maintenance can reduce the number of playground injuries; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 observance of Playground Safety Week raises awareness of the potential dangers associated with playgrounds while encouraging people to take appropriate precautions and safety measures to help make our playgrounds safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 24 - 28, 2006, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote safety awareness to ensure the continued health and well-being of our children.