WHEREAS, heart attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of death among women, claiming the lives of more than half a million individuals each year; and

WHEREAS, one in five women have some sort of cardiovascular disease, yet 63 percent of those who die suddenly of coronary heart disease had no previous symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Providence Heart Institute’s “Red Dress Campaign, in cooperation with the American Heart Association’s “Go Red for Women” campaign, encourages women learn more about the signs and symptoms of cardiovascular disease and make lifestyle changes that could help reduce their risk of heart disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2007, as

RED DRESS CAMPAIGN DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of heart disease in women, recognize loved ones who have suffered from it, and support efforts to fight it.

MARK SANFORD
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