

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina stands firm in its commitment to promoting reading as the foundation for our students' academic success, workforce readiness, and ability to compete in the global economy; and

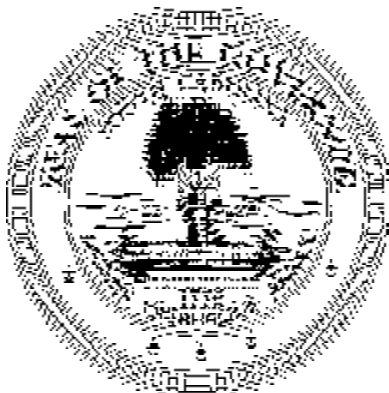
**WHEREAS,** "Read Across America" is a national celebration of Theodore "Dr. Seuss" Geisel's birthday that encourages every child in every school in every community to read with a caring adult, sending a clear message that reading is important; and

**WHEREAS,** adults and children reading together helps develop a renewed passion for reading among our students, thus contributing to their future success.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2003, as

### READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of reading on the academic development of our young people.



A stylized, high-contrast signature of Mark Sanford.

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**