WHEREAS, our nation boasts a rich history of women whose heroic achievements speak to the sense of excellence, potential, and patriotism shared by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, for much of the past century, the contributions that women have made to our nation’s progress have not always been fully recognized; and

WHEREAS, generations of women have served our nation and the State of South Carolina in positions of distinction, including doctors and scientists, teachers and factory workers, soldiers and athletes, contributing significantly to our economic well-being and to our rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of “Women’s History Month” celebrates the many achievements of and contributions made by women to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development.

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

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the continued need to pursue equal opportunity and equal justice and to build a society that fully lives up to its democratic ideals.

MARK SANFORD
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