

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

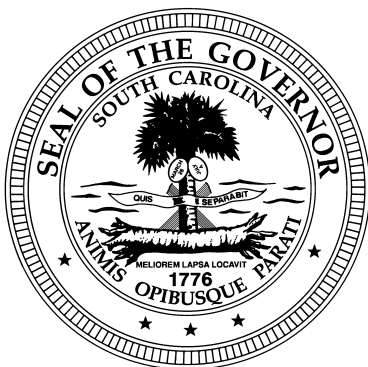
- WHEREAS,** the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol and nicotine constitute serious threats to the success and well-being of our young people; and
- WHEREAS,** parental influence is one of the most crucial factors in determining the likelihood of substance abuse by teenagers; and
- WHEREAS,** young people who regularly eat dinner with their families are less likely than the average teenager to smoke, drink, or use illegal drugs; and
- WHEREAS,** meal times offer opportunities for families to spend time together, providing a basic structure that strengthens lasting relationships; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2005 observance of Family Day encourages families throughout the Palmetto State to gather at the dinner table as a means to reinforce the bonds of kinship for the future of our children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2005, as

### FAMILY DAY

### A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of strong family interaction on the well-being and future success of the young people of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", is written in a cursive style.

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