

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the FFA (formerly known as Future Farmers of America) is a national agricultural organization dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina FFA Association is an integral part of the organized instructional program in agricultural education in public schools and is designed to prepare students for careers in the science, business, or technology of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina FFA Association is committed to strengthening the confidence of its members by providing programs and opportunities that develop pride, responsibility, leadership, character, scholarship, citizenship, and patriotism while improving the economic, environmental, recreational, and agricultural resources of our state; and

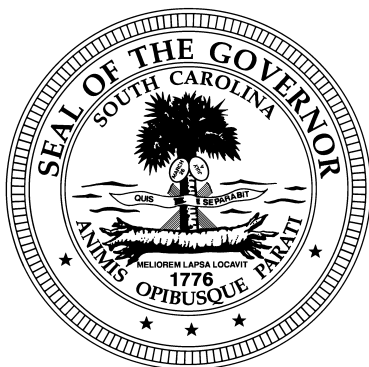
WHEREAS, the South Carolina FFA Association assists students enrolled in agricultural education courses achieve their maximum potential by promoting a desirable work ethic, effective time management skills, and competencies in communications and human relations; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina FFA members actively participate in numerous programs offered through the FFA organization at the local, regional, state, and national levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 19 - 26, 2005, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and appreciate the many contributions of the FFA to our agricultural industry through successful agricultural educational programs and outstanding leadership training of its members for three quarters of a century.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA