

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, because our children are our greatest treasure, we must do everything possible to ensure that they have the love and attention they need to grow and develop; and

WHEREAS, children benefit from fathers who are actively involved in their lives as positive role models; and

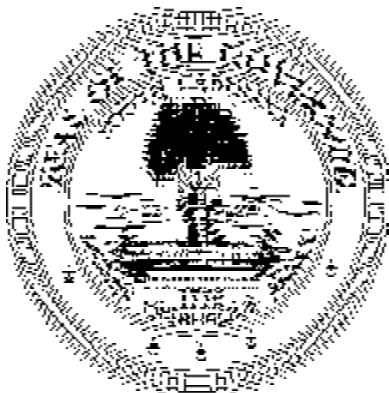
WHEREAS, children who have little or no contact with their fathers are more likely to do poorly or drop out of school, have lower self-esteem, turn to drugs and gangs, and end up in prison; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 observance of Fatherhood Initiative Month calls attention to the importance of the involvement of both parents in their children's lives, while promoting events and activities to help dads connect with their kids.

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

FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to support the active involvement of fathers in their children's lives.



A stylized, high-contrast black and white signature of Mark Sanford.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA