

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, through quality education programs, community initiatives, and personal involvement, mentors help our children succeed in life by teaching them to make sound decisions, to work hard, and to care for their neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, a mentor's involvement in a child's life can brighten that child's future, while helping maintain healthy families and promoting more vibrant communities; and

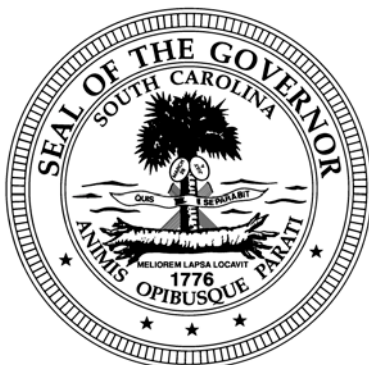
WHEREAS, research shows that most children who have been mentored improve their school attendance and performance, are more likely to go to college, and are less likely to use drugs or alcohol; and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month recognizes the important contributions made by the millions of people throughout South Carolina and the nation who work to strengthen our communities by giving their time and effort to serve as a mentor and role model for a young person.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 2004 as

MENTORING MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of mentoring on the life of a child.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", written over a horizontal line.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA