WHEREAS, throughout our nation's history, sports have served as a forum for combating prejudice and racism while weaving minority and immigrant groups into the American tapestry; and

WHEREAS, professional sports help develop and improve mental alertness, enthusiasm, and self-esteem while fostering active and constructive leisure habits; and

WHEREAS, with individuals excelling in virtually all sports, as well as in the owner's office, on the manager's bench and in the media, Jews have a significant impact on the world of sports; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is proud that many of our Jewish residents have made and continue to make their mark in sports through their commitment to athletic excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2007 as

JEWISH SPORTS HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize Jewish athletes, coaches, broadcasters, and executives who have distinguished themselves in the world of sports.