

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, as one of the fastest growing ethnic groups in the Palmetto State, Latinos contribute significantly to our communities through their commitment to work, family, diversity, and faith; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, many Latinos lack access to culturally appropriate health care services and information; and

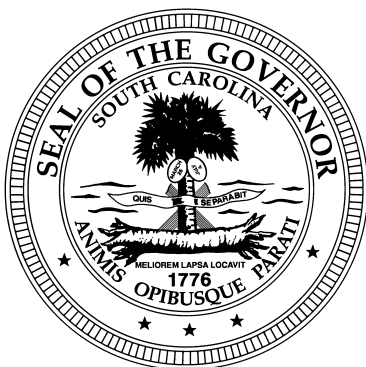
WHEREAS, Latinos make up 14% of the population of the United States and its territories but account for approximately 20% of AIDS cases nationally; and

WHEREAS, Latino AIDS Awareness Day offers an opportunity to increase community awareness and dialogue about the risk factors for HIV/AIDS, to commemorate those lost, and to bring leaders together to fight this epidemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2007, as

LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to help raise awareness of AIDS in the Latino community.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA