WHEREAS, the German state of Rhineland-Palatinate and the American state of South Carolina have been working together on common challenges since 1994; and

WHEREAS, these two states share written commitments to engage cooperatively in such areas as education, research and science, culture, health, and sports and tourism as demonstrated by an Administrative Memorandum of Understanding and a Partnership Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Germany is observing the 15th anniversary of German Unification Day on October 3, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Rhineland-Palatinate is hosting a celebration in Washington, DC, representing Germany in this special commemoration of German Reunification Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 3, 2005, as

RHINELAND-PALATINATE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join the Palmetto State and Rhineland-Palatinate in celebrating this important day in German history.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA