

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, families represent one of South Carolina's most valuable resources for caring for loved ones with extraordinary physical, mental, and medical needs; and

WHEREAS, these family caregivers need support and respite from the daily responsibility and intensive demands of ongoing care; and

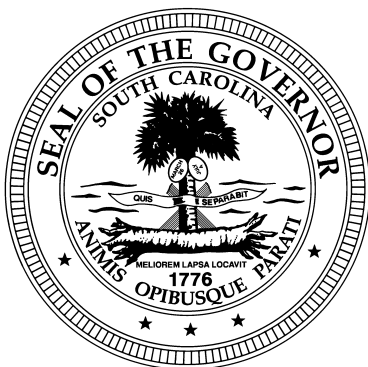
WHEREAS, respite, a short, temporary break from taking care of someone who is dependent, strengthens the ability of families to cope in times of crisis and enables them to be more active participants in their communities; and

WHEREAS, respite care services are a cost-effective alternative to institutionalization and have been shown to reduce illness in caregivers, lessen the likelihood of abuse and neglect, and help strengthen marriage and family stability.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 23, 2005, as

RESPIRE AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of respite to caregiving families and professionals.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA