Whereas, South Carolina has over 165 linear miles of beaches dotted with more than 40 barrier and sea islands; and

Whereas, the coastal areas of the Palmetto State are host to millions of visitors each year who contribute significantly to our local and state economies; and

Whereas, coastal tourism and healthy seafood help sustain our communities, providing jobs and revenue for our state; and

Whereas, clean beaches help promote the continued success of our tourism industry.

Now, Therefore, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 29 – July 5, 2006, as CLEAN BEACHES WEEK throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to keep our beaches clean.

Mark Sanford
Governor
State of South Carolina