

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project (Hands Project) was founded in 1997 to help educate children and adults about their moral and legal right to live free from abuse and violence; and

WHEREAS, the Hands Project's logo, a purple hand with a red heart imbedded into the palm, represents all people and is blind to the color of skin, age, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion or nationality; and

WHEREAS, the Hands Project's pledge, "I will not use my hands or my words for hurting myself or others," helps to remind people to stop and think before saying or doing something that could be hurtful to themselves or others; and

WHEREAS, over the past 10 years, hundreds of thousands of children and adults across the world have taken the pledge and made their own purple hands as a reminder of their promise.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 21 - 27, 2007 as

HANDS & WORDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to remember to think before saying or doing something that may cause pain to ourselves or others.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA