

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** since the beginning of the crime victim rights movement over 30 years ago, partnerships have formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, allied professionals, victim services, and the private sector to ensure that crime victims are treated with the dignity, respect, and help they deserve; and

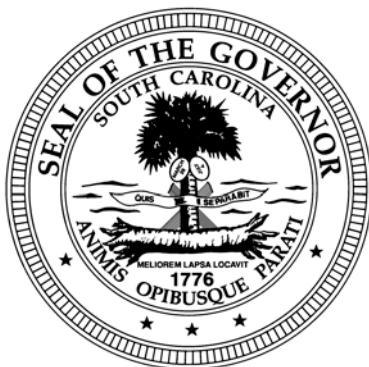
**WHEREAS,** victim assistance organizations and crime victim advocates throughout South Carolina and the nation are dedicated to providing assistance and comfort to victims and to ensuring that their rights are protected; and

**WHEREAS,** during the 2004 observance of National Victim Rights Week, crime victims, their advocates, and victim assistance organizations will join together to educate citizens about the devastating effects of crime and victimization and to encourage support for improved rights and services for victims and their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 18 - 24, 2004, as**

### VICTIM RIGHTS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in remembering our victims of crime, in celebrating criminal justice reforms, and in envisioning a future free from violence.



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

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**