WHEREAS, family and consumer sciences professionals are dedicated to ensuring the well-being of individuals, families, and communities throughout the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, family and consumer sciences professionals consist of elementary, secondary, post-secondary and extension educators and administrators, and other professionals in government, business and nonprofit sectors who are committed to using interdisciplinary, integrative, and preventive perspectives in addressing the issues surrounding individuals and families as consumers; and

WHEREAS, family and consumer sciences professionals contribute to the health, productivity, and fulfillment of our residents by providing practical knowledge about the fundamentals of everyday life, including human growth and development, personal behavior, housing and the environment, food and nutrition, apparel and textiles, and resource management.

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

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize family and consumer sciences professionals for their many contributions to the continued well-being of the residents of the Palmetto State.