

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina's minority populations, including Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Pacific Islanders, and others, experience serious disparities in health care; and

WHEREAS, differences in the incidence, prevalence, mortality, and burden of preventable health conditions and diseases like cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, infant mortality, and immunizations exist among minority groups; and

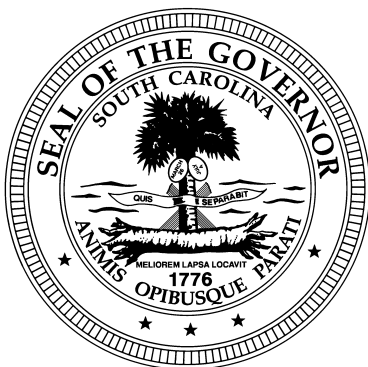
WHEREAS, prevention, early detection of disease and prompt referral to a quality health care provider are essential in reducing these and other health disparities; and

WHEREAS, people across the Palmetto State can make a positive difference in health care for themselves and others by making an appointment with or visiting a health professional, attending a community health event, or helping a friend, neighbor, or family member do the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2004, as

TAKE A LOVED ONE TO THE DOCTOR DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to commit to a healthier lifestyle and visit a health care provider.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", is written over a horizontal line.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA