WHEREAS, information technology (IT) is one of America's fastest growing industries, encompassing computers, software, telecommunications products and services, Internet and online services, systems integration, and professional services companies; and

WHEREAS, information technology professionals manage, operate, maintain, and supply the communications systems which safeguard the lives and property of our residents, ensure the efficient functioning of government, business, and industry, and provide us with the tools to compete in the ever-changing global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, information technology professionals in South Carolina are committed to using their skills and competencies to meet new technology challenges while focusing their expertise on the realities of information security, critical information protection, and cyber terror.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 19 – 25, 2006, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor information technology professionals in the Palmetto State for their efforts to further the advancement of telecommunications and technology for the benefit of all our residents.

MARK SANFORD
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