

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** despite advances in medical technology and research, the life expectancy of men is approximately five years lower than that of women; and

**WHEREAS,** educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems helps prevent disease; and

**WHEREAS,** men who are knowledgeable about the value of preventative health are more likely to participate in health screenings, thus promoting early detection and treatment; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2006 observance of Men's Health Week calls attention to a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, and prostate, testicular, and colon cancer, in an effort to educate men and their families about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and routine medical check-ups.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 12 - 18, 2006, as

### MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote positive health attitudes and preventative health practices.



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

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