WHEREAS, created as a result of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, community action agencies promote self-sufficiency for people with limited income; and

WHEREAS, community action agencies offer a variety of services to our residents, including employment, education, housing, income management, health, nutrition, energy, and general emergency assistance; and

WHEREAS, by offering innovative and cost-effective programs designed to meet the changing and specific needs of individuals and families in all 46 counties of the Palmetto State, community action agencies across South Carolina have made a positive and lasting difference in the lives of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 observance of Community Action Month calls attention to the importance of South Carolina's community action agencies to providing individuals and families with limited income the resources necessary to improve their lives and living conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2010 as

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our community action agencies for their positive impact on the well-being and quality of life of the residents of the Palmetto State.