WHEREAS, the wise use of credit by consumers enables them to achieve their financial goals and contributes to the economic growth of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, informed consumers who know their choices, rights, and responsibilities are better able to choose and use credit wisely; and

WHEREAS, the elements of responsible credit use, including budgeting, careful shopping, paying bills promptly, and living within one’s means, contribute to a solid credit history; and

WHEREAS, Credit Education Week helps raise awareness of the importance of using credit with care, spending money wisely, and paying bills promptly.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 18 - 23, 2006, as CREDIT EDUCATION WEEK throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about their credit rights and responsibilities and about the benefits of the wise use of credit.