

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina's family caregivers provide countless hours of unpaid care to chronically ill, disabled, and elderly family members each year, enabling loved ones to remain in their homes where they can stay active, participate more fully in the community, and maintain quality of life; and

WHEREAS, families have always provided most of the long-term care for older adults in South Carolina, with nearly one out of every five South Carolinians providing regular care or assistance to a friend or family member over 60 years of age; and

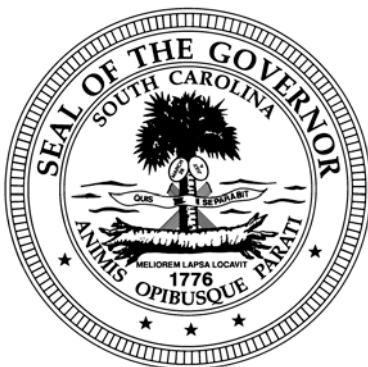
WHEREAS, family caregivers provide care in the home and in the community for many reasons, including love and duty, respect and a sense of responsibility, to honor the wishes of their loved ones, or out of financial necessity; but regardless of the reason and despite the emotional rewards experienced by caregivers, caregiving is often provided at great cost to the caregiver's physical, financial, and emotional health; and

WHEREAS, Family Caregiver Month honors the many contributions that family caregivers make to the quality of life in South Carolina, while raising awareness of the support and encouragement family caregivers need to carry out their vital responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2003 as

FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize, support, and celebrate the valuable role family caregivers across the Palmetto State play in the lives of our residents.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA