WHEREAS, the future success of our young people depends on the availability of quality, accessible educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, student financial aid administrators throughout South Carolina work daily to meet the fiscal needs of qualified people seeking post-secondary educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, financial aid programs provide valuable funds for post-secondary education, including tuition and fees, housing and food, books and supplies, and transportation and personal expenses, without which many students could not continue their education; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of “Financial Aid Awareness Month” provides an opportunity to work together to raise awareness of the cost and affordability of post-secondary education.

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

FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to promote public awareness of the availability of financial aid, while recognizing student financial aid administrators for their dedicated efforts to improve educational access for our citizens.