

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, research and experience clearly show that children's earliest years are crucial learning years; and

WHEREAS, children attending high quality early childhood education programs are more likely to develop the language, pre-mathematics, and social skills they need to succeed in school; and

WHEREAS, the Week of the Young Child calls attention to the importance of families, early childhood professionals, and communities working together to support every child's healthy development and early learning.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 18 - 24, 2004, as the

### WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of quality, age-appropriate learning opportunities on the future success of our children.



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

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