

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

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

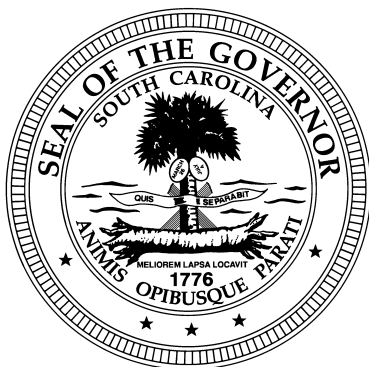
WHEREAS, children attending high quality early childhood education programs are more likely to develop the language, pre-mathematics, and social skills they need to succeed in school; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Children's Opportunities – Our Responsibilities," 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 3 - 9, 2005, 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, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA