WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of Jews by Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945; and

WHEREAS, while Jews were the primary victims, gypsies, the handicapped, the Poles, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, political dissidents, and many others also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust reminds us to reflect on the responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments in the face of great injustice; and

WHEREAS, annual Days of Remembrance provide an opportunity to remember the victims of the Holocaust while reflecting on the need for respect of all people; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, “Legacies of Justice,” the 2006 Days of Remembrance pay particular tribute to the courage of those who testified against Nazi war criminals as well as those who work tirelessly for the cause of justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 23 – 30, 2006, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor the memory of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust while working to overcome intolerance and inhumanity.