

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, many French military and naval officers, including Marie-Joseph-Paul-Yves-Roch-Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, came to South Carolina during the American Revolution, giving their lives and their fortunes to help in the struggle for freedom; and

WHEREAS, many South Carolinians heard and followed the call to help France in its time of need in the First and Second World Wars; and

WHEREAS, the friendship between the Palmetto State and the French Republic has not diminished; and

WHEREAS, the bonds between the people of South Carolina and the people of the French Republic continue to be important to the success of our global partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 6, 2007, as

FRENCH VOLUNTEERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and honor the sacrifices of the French volunteers in the American cause of independence and the universal cause of liberty.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA