

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, suicide is the fastest growing killer of youth today in the United States, with a national rate of over 30,000 youth suicides annually; and

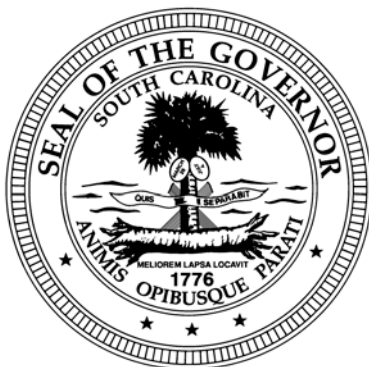
WHEREAS, suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience; and

WHEREAS, Yellow Ribbon Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week helps to promote education about suicide and combat the stigma that prevents people from seeking the help that can save a life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 19 - 25, 2004, as

YELLOW RIBBON SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to wear a yellow ribbon to raise awareness of youth suicide and to support the efforts of suicide prevention groups, crisis centers, schools, churches, youth centers, hospitals, counselors, teachers, and parents to prevent these tragedies among the young people of the Palmetto State.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA