

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

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

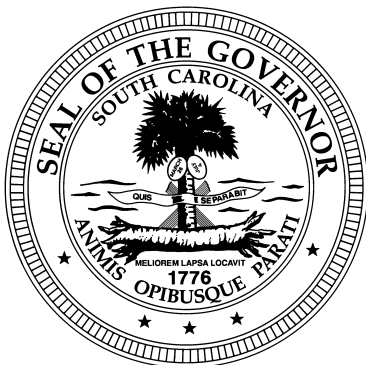
WHEREAS, with a national rate of over 30,000 deaths each year, suicide is the fastest growing killer of youth today; and

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 17 - 23, 2006, 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, parents, and others to prevent these tragedies among the young people of the Palmetto State.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA