WHEREAS, interest in the sport of soccer is at its highest point ever with millions of children across our state and nation playing the game; and

WHEREAS, thousands of South Carolina’s youth develop important life skills, including sportsmanship, teamwork, and perseverance, while actively participating in local soccer leagues; and

WHEREAS, positive sports experiences enhance the health and well-being of our young people; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 observance of “Youth Soccer Month” calls attention to the link of physical fitness and exercise to good health.

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

SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH SOCCER MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the role of soccer in a healthy, active lifestyle.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA