WHEREAS, positive and rewarding sports experiences enhance the health and well-being of our young people, while promoting physical fitness and a commitment to a healthy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, participation in youth sports helps young people develop important life skills, including sportsmanship, teamwork, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Youth Sports Month calls attention to the positive impact of involvement in competitive and recreational sports on the health and future success of our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2003 as

YOUTH SPORTS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure quality youth sports experiences for our young people.