WHEREAS, volunteer service helps build self-esteem, empathy, resilience, patriotism, positive social behavior, and academic success in our youth; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina’s young people make important contributions to their communities through public service; and

WHEREAS, during the 2006 observance of Youth Service Days, volunteers across the Palmetto State will join together in several neighborhood and community projects, including a food drive, health awareness campaign, street revitalization, gardening, and assistance for individuals with special needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 21 - 23, 2006, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the important contributions made by the youth of the Palmetto State to improving the lives of others.