WHEREAS, severe weather can result in significant property damage, personal injury, and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, a well-informed and prepared citizenry is less likely to suffer injury or death in the wake of severe weather; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division of the Office of the Adjutant General are dedicated to working together to increase awareness of severe weather safety and preparedness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 16-22, 2003, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to prepare, update, and review emergency plans for their families and businesses.