WHEREAS, severe weather occurs frequently in the state of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, severe weather often leads to loss of life and millions of dollars in damage to property in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, past experience has demonstrated that a well-informed public educated in necessary preparedness measures is less likely to suffer property damage, personal injury and loss of life 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 have expressed a desire to work together to increase awareness in South Carolina about severe weather safety and preparedness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 19 - 25, 2006, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to help raise awareness of severe weather safety measures and to prepare, update and review emergency plans for their families and businesses.