WHEREAS, the Lions Clubs of South Carolina boast a long and proud history of providing services in the areas of sight, hearing, and youth activities for the residents of the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, Lions and Lionesses in South Carolina are dedicated to encouraging sight and hearing conservation; and

WHEREAS, during the annual observance of South Carolina Lions Sight and Hearing Conservation Week, the Lions Clubs of South Carolina sponsor their Candy Day Drive to raise valuable funds to support a Mobile Health Screening Unit, eye exams, eye glasses, eye surgeries, hearing aids, two camps for blind and visually-impaired children, and the South Carolina Lions Eye Research Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 4 – 10, 2003, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the efforts of Lions and Lionesses in the Palmetto State to make a difference in the lives of others.