

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** primary care is first-contact, comprehensive medical care administered to people with a wide variety of health concerns; and

**WHEREAS,** primary care providers include specialists in family and internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatry, and other fields; and

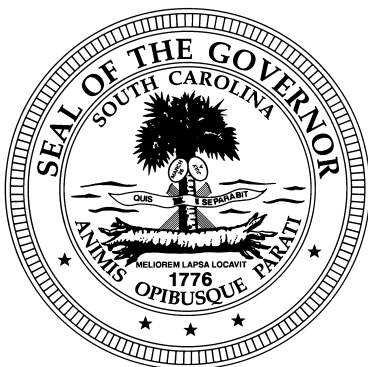
**WHEREAS,** primary care professionals provide a constant source of cost-effective services to their patients including preventive care, urgent treatment for acute disorders, and continuity of care for chronic diseases; and

**WHEREAS,** with the theme, "Breaking Down Barriers: Health Literacy in Community Health," the 2005 observance of National Primary Care Week aims to inform health professions students about the importance of community-responsive primary care and encourage their participation on future primary care teams while educating residents on the necessity of proficient health care to an improved quality of life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 16 – 22, 2005, as

### PRIMARY CARE WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the important contributions of general practitioners and primary care providers to our health care delivery system.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**