

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** patient advocates serve as a liaison between health care consumers and hospitals to help ensure that patients are satisfied with the service they receive; and

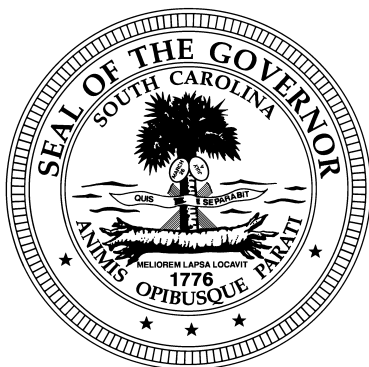
**WHEREAS,** patient advocates welcome patients to the hospital, provide information about hospital services and procedures, listen to suggestions for hospital improvements, and offer support and reassurance to patients and their families; and

**WHEREAS,** effective patient advocate programs in health care institutions help ensure that our residents receive the highest quality health care.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 9 – 15, 2006, as

### HEALTH CARE CONSUMER ADVOCACY WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor patient advocates for their commitment to the health and well – being of all residents of the Palmetto State.



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

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