WHEREAS, volunteer service is an investment in our future, bridging the disparities that separate people by working together to solve serious social problems; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is fortunate to have many caring residents who are willing to donate their valuable time, energy, and talents to making a difference in the lives of others through volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Make a Difference Day encourages individuals to enhance the lives of their fellow human beings by giving where there is a need, rebuilding what has been torn down, teaching where there is a desire to learn, and inspiring those who have lost hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 25, 2003, as

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the spirit of volunteer service while working to make a positive difference in our communities.