

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** sexual assault affects adults and children in South Carolina not only as victim survivors but also as family members, loved ones, friends, neighbors or coworkers of a victim; and

**WHEREAS,** sexual assault is one of the most devastating crimes in our society today, with victims often suffering lifelong pain from physical injury and serious emotional trauma; and

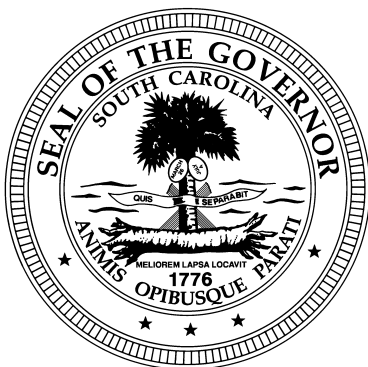
**WHEREAS,** volunteers and service providers in our communities are dedicated to providing care to sexual assault survivors through 24-hour hotlines, counseling, support groups, advocacy, medical care and education; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2005 observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month encourages people to get involved and to work together to reduce sexual violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2005 as

### SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together to prevent sexual assault and ensure a life free from harm for the residents of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", is written over a white background.

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