WHEREAS, pharmacists across our state and nation are important members of the health care team, working to ensure the sensible, safe, and successful use of; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists provide essential knowledge of today’s complex medications enabling patients to be better informed about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and

WHEREAS, the direct involvement of pharmacists in patient care and medication management decisions can help lead to reduced costs and better care; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians practicing in hospitals, home-care, long-term care and other facilities contribute to the health and well-being of our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 22–28, 2006, as

HOSPITAL AND HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACY WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our pharmacists for their valuable contributions to an improved quality of life for the residents of the Palmetto State.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA