WHEREAS, in addition to being our state’s largest private-sector employer, South Carolina’s hospitality industry, including restaurants, hotels, motels, resorts, bars, bed & breakfasts, nightclubs and inns, consists of the smiling faces and expertise that help make a wonderful vacation or a delightful dinner; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to support and promote this important and growing industry, the Hospitality Association of South Carolina has partnered with 34 high schools and the State Department of Education to offer culinary and hospitality national certification programs for juniors and seniors; and

WHEREAS, during the 2003 observance of Hospitality Education Month, restaurants and hotels throughout the Palmetto State will help raise funds for this high school program and for scholarships for culinary arts and hotel, restaurant, and tourism management students, while promoting food safety and food safety trainings.

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

HOSPITALITY EDUCATION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the important contributions made by the hospitality industry to our economic prosperity and quality of life.