WHEREAS, Skills USA-VICA is a national career and technology organization for students preparing for technical and industrial careers; and

WHEREAS, Skills USA-VICA is dedicated to helping students become world class workers and responsible citizens by providing job training and academic education; and

WHEREAS, Skills USA-VICA has been recognized by the United States Department of Education and the National School-to-Work office for its commitment to school-to-work as a national effort to better prepare young people and adults for the workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 9 - 15, 2003, as SKILLS USA-VICA WEEK throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many positive contributions made by Skills USA-VICA to workforce readiness.