

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** a constant supply of blood is necessary for communities to meet the needs of their immediate area; and

**WHEREAS,** blood must be readily available in the event of a medical crisis or man-made or natural disaster; and

**WHEREAS,** eligible blood donors can have a significant lifesaving impact with each pint of donated blood helping to save up to three lives; and

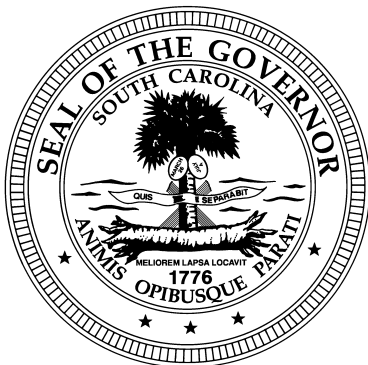
**WHEREAS,** every two seconds someone in America needs blood, and the American Red Cross South Carolina Blood Services Region and other blood banks in the Palmetto State must collect 500 units each day to meet the needs of 54 hospitals; and

**WHEREAS,** to help increase participation in blood donations and ensure an adequate supply of blood, all state agencies are challenged to sponsor four blood drives in the next year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 2004 as

### SOUTH CAROLINA BLOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join this special effort to help ensure a constant blood supply through regular blood donations.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

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