

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** schools that are safe and free of violence, weapons, and drugs are necessary to ensuring the well-being of all children and the quality of their education; and

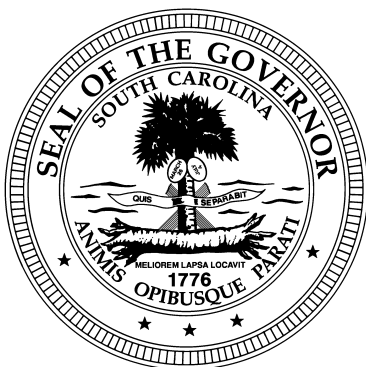
**WHEREAS,** the safety and well-being of many students, teachers, and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime and violence, such as substance abuse, gangs, bullying, poor discipline, vandalism, and absenteeism; and

**WHEREAS,** America's Safe Schools Week calls attention to the importance of working together to ensure that our schools are safe, secure, peaceful places for learning, teaching, and working – free of drugs, alcohol, weapons, and fear.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 19 – 25, 2003, as

### SOUTH CAROLINA'S SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together to keep our schools free of crime and violence, to improve discipline, and to increase student attendance.



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

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