

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** pregnancy and childbirth can bring great happiness to expectant parents but, tragically, approximately 16 percent of all pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage or stillbirth, leaving families to deal with the grief of losing a child; and

**WHEREAS,** information on pregnancy and infant loss and community support can help families cope during this time of great pain; and

**WHEREAS,** educating physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral directors, police officers, public health nurses, and employers about pregnancy and infant loss allows them to better respond with compassion to affected families; and

**WHEREAS,** the annual observance of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day honors the courage of families who have lost an unborn or newborn child.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2004, as

### PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to remember children lost during pregnancy or as infants and their families.



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

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