WHEREAS, the year 2004 marks the 26th Anniversary of School Improvement Councils in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, local School Improvement Councils bring together parents, teachers, community leaders, businesses, and students to improve the quality of public education and help ensure that the young people of the Palmetto State have the resources necessary for success; and

WHEREAS, School Improvement Councils develop and implement school strategic plans, monitor and evaluate success in reaching the plan’s goals and objectives, and write an annual report to parents about the progress of the plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 observance of “School Improvement Council Month” provides an opportunity to honor the more than 17,000 South Carolinians who serve on School Improvement Councils statewide for their efforts to promote educational excellence.

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

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of School Improvement Councils on quality education in the Palmetto State.