

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, as parents and as concerned citizens, we have a profound responsibility to ensure that South Carolina's children grow and develop in a nurturing environment where they have the opportunity to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Head Start and Early Head Start are comprehensive child development and school readiness programs that have served children from birth to age 5 and pregnant women and their families since 1965; and

WHEREAS, through its success in meeting the needs of children from low-income families, Head Start has established itself as a leader in early childhood development; and

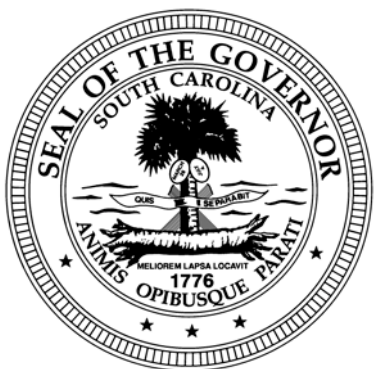
WHEREAS, Head Start services strive to be responsive and appropriate to each child's and family's developmental, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage and experience; and

WHEREAS, Head Start programs in South Carolina provide rich preschool learning environments, as well as comprehensive nutrition and health programs that have improved the prevention, detection, and treatment of children's medical, dental, and nutritional problems, thereby removing barriers to growth and learning.

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

HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize this quality program that truly provides young children with a "head start" in life.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA