

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, access to appropriate health care is essential to well-being and quality of life of all individuals; and

WHEREAS, across our state and nation, many patients experience difficulty obtaining medical treatment or bearing the financial hardship of illness; and

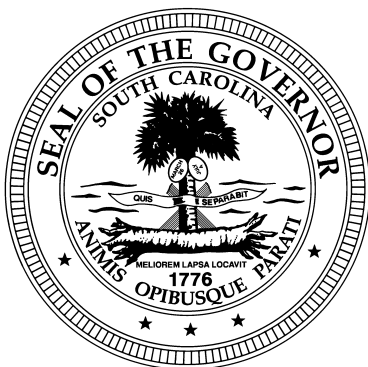
WHEREAS, faced with the experience of a serious diagnosis, patients are deserving of relevant clinical information, timely and sustained health care and intervention, and the opportunity to effectively reach well-informed and independent decisions; and

WHEREAS, the continued comprehensive and collaborative efforts of government and other public agencies, private industry, health care providers, and concerned individuals can help overcome the obstacles to quality and affordable medical care for all individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 14, 2006, as

PATIENT ADVOCATE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to find and develop solutions to the complex challenge of ensuring quality, affordable health care for all residents of the Palmetto State.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA